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YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND, SIXTH MONTH, 1845.

A secession from our Religious Society having to some extent taken place within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and divers meetings set up, bearing the name of, and claiming to be meetings of the Society of Friends, we have deemed it a prudent measure, (though we trust not actually called for in many of our meetings, on account of any disaffection towards Society within their borders,) in order to relieve our Friends abroad from any embarrassment in the acceptance of Certificates and other papers from New-England, to appoint correspondents in *all* our Monthly Meetings, whose duty it shall be to sign all certificates and other papers issued by those Meetings respectively, in addition to the usual signing of the Clerk. And any one of whom, within the limits of their respective Quarterly Meetings, may sign any document issued by such Quarterly Meeting.

In case of removal by death or otherwise, of any of the correspondents now appointed, Quarterly Meetings are authorised to supply any vacancies that may occur till the time of our next Yearly Meeting. From the Minutes of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jun., Clerk.

CORRESPONDENTS OF NEW-ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING,

[APPOINTED SIXTH MONTH, 1845.]

RHODE-ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING.

	Correspondents.	Post Office Address.
Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting,	Jethro F. Mitchell,	*Newport, R. I.*
Greenwich do. do.	Rowland Greene,	*Fiskville,* “
Swansey do. do.	Oliver Earle,	*Swansey, Mass.*
Providence do. do.	Samuel Boyd Tobey,	*Providence, R. I.*

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING.

Salem Monthly Meeting.	Nathan Breed,	*Lynn, Mass.*
Seabrook do. do.	Moses Huntington, Jr.	*Amesbury,* “
Weare do. do.	Abijah Johnson,	*Weare, N. H.*

SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING.

Sandwich Monthly Meeting,	Maltiah Gifford.	*West Falmouth, Mass.*
Pembroke do. do.	Calvin Shepherd,	*Pembroke,* “
Nantucket do. do.	Cromwell Barnard,	*Nantucket,* “
Dartmouth do. do.	George Almy,	*North Dartmouth P. O., Mass.*
Westport do. do.	Samuel Slade,	*Westport,* “
New-Bedford do. do.	John Howland,	*New-Bedford,* “

FALMOUTH QUARTERLY MEETING.

Falmouth Monthly Meeting,	John W. Minot,	*Westbrook, Stephen's Plains* P. O. *Me.*
Durham do. do.	Thomas Jones,	*South Durham,* “
Windham do. do.	Nathan Pope,	*Windham,* “

SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting,	Arnold Aldrich,	*Wainsoaket P. O., R. I.*
Uxbridge do. do.	Benjamin Wheeler,	*Northbridge, Mass.*
Richmond do. do.	Levi Wheeler,	*Richmond, N. H.*
Bolton do. do.	James N. Fry,	*Bolton, Mass.*

VASSALBOROUGH QUARTERLY MEETING.

Vassalborough Monthly Meeting,	Daniel Taber,	*Vassalborough, Maine.*
China do. do.	Stephen Jones, Jr.	*Palermo,* “
Unity do. do.	Joseph Taber,	*Albion,* “

DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING.

Dover Monthly Meeting,	Joseph Tuttle,	*Dover, N. H.*
Berwick do. do.	John D. Lang,	*North Berwick, Maine.*
Sandwich do. do.	Benjamin Fry,	*Centre Sandwich, N. H.*

FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

Sidney Monthly Meeting,	Samuel Taylor, Jr.	*Fairfield, Maine.*
Litchfield do. do.	Elijah Pope,	*Hallowell Cross Roads, Maine.*
St. Albans do. do.	David Douglas,	*East St. Albans,* “

It is requested, in order that Certificates from other Yearly Meetings, may duly reach the Meetings to which they are directed within the limits of this, that they be addressed or sent to one of these Friends.

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Records of Swansey
Monthly Meeting of Friends—

From 8th mo 26th 1844 to 5th mo 27th 1867-

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Fall River 8 Mo. 26. 1844, accounts being received from the several preparative meetings, the representatives are for Swansey Barzillia Buffinton & Eber Chace, Freetown Asa Shove & Theophilus Shove, Fall River, Thomas S Gifford & Theopilus Shove 2 who being call,d are all present — .

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to extend a general care on its behalf for the preservation of love and unity among our members, the the maintainance of our Christian principles and testimonies, and the support of the Discipline of the Church, and in the ability that may be afforded them, to assist and advise such meetings and members as circumstances may require and way open for, under the direction of best wisdom, having attended our last monthly meeting and believing that in the discharge of the duties devolving upon them by their appointment, it became incumbent inconsequence of a want of love and unity amongst us, and of our inability therefrom to administer our christian discipline to the honor of Truth, for them to extend to this meeting written advice, which at that time was given to ~~the~~ the meeting and read, and the Clerk having refused to enter the same upon the records, when in the united judgment of the Committee as was there freely express,d to him, it was the Solid sense of the meeting that it should be recieved and administered; Aand he in the judgment of this meeting and in the Judgment of the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings Committees now present, having by thus refusing to record the sense of that meeting, and from his want of unity with friends disqualified himself from acting as Clerk, the Yearly meetings Committee have now again proposed that David Shove be appointed Clerk of this meeting; which being approved he is accordingly appointed to that service for one year ——

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly meeting to assist this meeting in the administration of the Discipline are now in attendance with the following minute of their appointment (viz) And believing that further care is necessary to be extended by this meeting we appoint our friends William S. Perry, James Dennis Jethro F. Mitchell, Zacheus Chace, Gideon C Smith and Timothy C Collins, to visit that meeting and render such assistance thereto, in promotion of the right administration of our Christian Discipline and the advancement of love & unity among them, as circumstances may require, and way open for, and for the due organization of the meeting and report to our next meeting —

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 8th mo., 1, 1844 — — —

David Buffum, clerk —

Thomas Wilbour the former Clerk of this meeting having been encouraged by a few a few individuals present to continue to act as Clerk in opposition to the views of Friends and to the appointment of another person for clerk, which has at this time been made, and he continuing to sit at the table and hold the records in his possession, and having contrary to the order of our society made minutes which he has read purporting to be the doings of Swansey Monthly Meeting; We have been introduced into much mourning and sorrow on his account, and it being the judgment of the meeting and of the Yearly and Quarterly meetings Committees (now present) that the minutes read by him are not nor cannot be recognized as the doings of our monthly meeting, and he having been tenderly advised and requested by the meeting, and by the Committees of our Yearly & Quarterly meetings now present to leave the Clerks table with the which he refuses to comply, this Meeting concludes to adjourn to meet again in this house at the third hour this afternoon — — —

Afternoon met pursuant to adjournment

The Representatives being called are all present

Several of the Yearly Meetings Committee are in attendance with a copy of the minute of their appointment which has been read (their company and services have been acceptable) and they having again presented the following minutes of advice (viz) —

The Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends — —
Dear Friends

The Committee appointed by the Yearly meeting to extend a general care on its behalf for the preservation of love and unity among our members, the maintainence of our Christian principles and testimonies, and the support of the Discipline of the church, and in the ability that may be afforded them, to assist and advise such meetings and members as circumstances may require & way open for, under the direction of Best Wisdom having from a belief that our duty under our appointment required it, met with the Committees of your meeting appointed about two years since to propose the names of Overseers and Clerks, and apprehending the cause of Truth and the right exercise of our Christian Discipline urgently demands that there should be no further delay in the cases, were united in giving the following advice. It appearing by the voluntary declaration of those members of a committee who were present, appointed as we apprehend without the authority of discipline and out of the usual order of society to assist the Overseers when they presented a complaint against an individual that they believed Edmund Chace to be inocent of the charges prefer'd against him by sd individual, and that they did not intend in their report to the Monthly meeting to implicate him. We were united in judgment that this document ought not to be retained by the Monthly Meeting nor among its papers but destroy'd.

The Committee on Overseers inform'd us that they had united upon five friends for this station and there being but one of them from within the limits of FallRiver preparative meeting, in view of the circumstances, we were united in advising the Committee to propose to the Monthly meeting to appoint Edmund Chace in addition to those names there not appearing to be any grounds for the objections originally urged against his appointment

The committee in relation to Clerks informed us that they could not agree upon names, and after a full consideration of the case we thought it right to advise the Committee to propose to the Monthly meeting to appoint David Shove for clerk and Jonathan Freeborn for assistant clerk, And we are now united in advising the Monthly meeting to make these appointments and carry into effect these recommendations believing that thereby the best interests of the Monthly meeting and its preservation in the unity of the Quarterly and Yearly Meeting will be promoted.

Swansey 7 Mo 27, 1844 —
On behalf of the Yearly Meetings Committee

Rowland Green

Which is accepted and in accordance therewith we appoint Oliver Earl, Simson Buffinton, Theophilus Shove, David Shove, Jonathan Freeborn, & Edmund Chace, to the station of Overseers for one year having the concurrence of the womens meeting herein, They being the Friends agreed upon by a Committee of this meeting appointed for the purpose of selecting names of Friends for Overseers, with the exception of Edmund Chace who was added by the advice of the Yearly meetings Committee as express'd in the foregoing minute of advice — —

Received at this time the following certificate from Providence Monthly meeting in favor of Nathan Stephens proceeding in Marriage with a member of our Monthly meeting (viz)

Dear Friends To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends

Nathan Stephens having requested a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting. This is to inform that he is a member of this meeting and upon enquiry nothing appears to prevent his proceeding therein —

Signed by direction on behalf of Providence Monthly meeting held at Smithfield
7 Mo 24, 1844
Jonathan L Slocum, Clk

and the said Nathan Stephens & Emily R. Freeborn having appeard in our last monthly meeting and declared their intention of taking eachother in Marriage, there were requested to wait untill our next monthly meeting for an answer; And nothing now appearing to prevent their proceeding therein they are left at liberty to accomplish the same by keeping to good order having consent of parents and Abner Slade & Thomas S. Gifford are appointed to have the care thereof, & report to our next mo. meeting

The parties aforsaid having requested that a meeting should be appointed at this house for the accomplishment of their marriage at the 10th hour tomorrow morning the 27th Inst, which request is granted, having the concurrence of the womens meeting herein — —

The subject of the appointment of an assistent clerk is deferd until our next ~~xx~~ monthly meeting the friend proposed being absent in consequence of indisposition of body — —

The Representatives appointed to attend the late Quarterly meeting report that they all attended except one

We appoint Jervis Shove, Azariah Shove, Robinson Buffinton, Thomas S. Gifford, & Earl Chace, a Committee to take the necessary care of our meeting house and lots in Fallriver under the direction of the the Overseers — —

Received at this time a removal certificate from St Albans monthly meeting on behalf of Jacob H Vining & his wife Lucy, which is refer,d to our Committee on certificates — David Shove, Clk

At Swansey monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 9 Mo 30 1844 —
Accounts being received from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are for Swansey Abner Slade & Lilly Gifford Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove, Fallriver Joseph Anthony & Theophilus Shove 2d & Azariah Shove who being called are all present

The subject of the appointment of an assistent clerk of this meeting coming before us again at this time, Jonathan Freeborns name being proposed is united with and he is accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to have the care of the marriage of Nathan Stephens & Emily R. Freeborn, report that they attended to their appointment, that the Marriage was orderly conducted and the certificate delivered to the recorder — —

The removal certificate received at our last meeting on behalf of Jacob H Vining and Lucy is accepted having the concurrence of the womens meeting and directed to be recorded — —

Received from Rhodeisland Monthly meeting a removal certificate on behalf of Asa Sherman and wife Elizabeth & daughter Anna, which is refer,d to our Committee on certificates — —

Received from ~~from~~ the Overseers the following information (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting
We present for your consideration the case of Mason Buffinton who for a long time has neglected the attendance of our meetings and so far deviated from the order of Friends as to join himself with another society. — —

Fallriver 9 Mo. 30th 1844 —

Edmund Chace
Jonathan Freeborn) Overseers

Whereupon we appoint Thomas S Gifford & Robinson Buffinton are appointed to visit him on that account & report to our next meeting — —

Nathan Slade and Family having removed to live within the limits of Westport Monthly meeting Azariah Shove & Edmund Chace are appointed to unite with a Committee of the womens meeting to prepare an essay of a certificate and present to our next meeting if nothing appears to prevent ——

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly meeting together with the report of the Boarding Committee have been received and read to satisfaction, and David Shove & Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade Anthony Chace Edmund Chace & Theophilus Shove are appointed our School committee for the ensuing year

Jervis Shove, Abner Slade, Henry Slade & Azariah Shove, are appointed to call on Thomas Wilbour the former Clerk of this meeting, for the records of this monthly meeting, and all books and papers belonging thereto, which he holds in his posission and report to to a future meeting ———

Barzillia Buffinton, Abner Slade, Moses Buffinton & Anthony Chace, are appointed to have the care of Friends meeting house & lots in Somerset under the direction of the Overseers ———

David Shove, Clerk

At Swansey monthly meeting of Friends held at Fallriver 10 Mo 28th 1844.

Accounts being received from the several preparative meetings the representatives are from Swansey Joseph Shove & Oliver Earl Freetown Asa Shove & Theophilus Shove Fallriver Henry Slade Joseph Estes & Thomas S. Gifford who being called are all present ———

This meeting being interrupted by a portion of its members as heretofore in the transaction of its business it is concluded to adjourn to meet at this house the 2d hour this afternoon having the concurrence of the womens meeting ———

Met pursuent to adjournment the Representatives being called are all present

The Queries have read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2d, & 10th from the several preparative meetings, from which general answers have been selected as descriptive of our present state, which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute by Abner Slade, Oliver Earl & Thomas S Gifford whom we appoint our Representatives

The Committe in the case of Mason Buffinton made the following report (viz)

To Swansey monthly meeting

We the Committee in the case of Mason Buffinton report that we have attended to our appointment and that he manifested no disposition to make Friends satisfaction. which we submit to the monthly meeting--

Robinson Buffinton }
Thomas. S. Gifford } Commi

Fallriver 10 mo 26 1844--

Which is excepted, and he is hereby denied a right of membership with us having the concurrence of our womens meeting herein-- and Joseph Anthony is appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting---

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to call on the former clerk of this meeting for the records & papers of this monthly meeting made the following report (viz)

To Swansey monthly meeting of Friends-

The Committee appointed last month to call on Thomas Wilbour the late Clerk of this meeting and obtain the records books & papers which he has in his posession, belonging to this meeting, would report. That they have attended to their appointment, and he declines to let them have said Books, & Papers---

Fallriver 10th mo. 28th 1844 Azariah Shove }
Henry Slade } Committee
Jarvis Shove

which is accepted, and they are continued for further service in the case, as way may open for and report at a further sitting of this meeting---

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to prepare a removal certificate for Nathan Slade and family presented one, which being approved the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting, and Jireh Shove is appointed to forward it to the place directed, where due record is made thereof — —

Joseph Shove, Hiram Buffinton, Simson Buffinton & Abner Slade, are appointed to make the necessary provision for our next Quarterly meeting and report the expence thereof to this meeting — —

David Shove, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 Mo 25, 1844 — —

Accounts being received from from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are for Swansey Eber Chace & Lilly Gifford, Freetown Theo Shove & David Shove Fallriver Mark Anthony & Jacob. H. Vining all present except one — — — —

Our esteemed Friend Benjamin Fry attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich monthly meeting State of Newhampshire expressive of his being a minister in unity his company and religious Services have been truly acceptable to us.
The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute ——

The representatives appointed to attend the late Quarterly meeting report that they all attended — — —

The Committee appointed to make provision for the late Quarterly meeting report the expence to be Eleven Dollars 47/100 which this meeting accepts, and our Treasurer is directed to pay the Same & call on the Quarterly meetings treasurer for the amount — — —

Recieved from the overseers the following information (viz) Where

To Swansey monthly meeting of Friends —

We have visited the following persons (viz) Oliver Chace Palmer Chace William Wood Thomas Wilbour Amos C. Wilbour Israel Buffinton William F. Wood Miller Chace & Oliver Chace Jr., on account of their deviation from the good order of our society in holding seperate meetings, (what they call Fallriver preparative and Swansey monthly meetings) contrary to Discipline & not taking the advice of Friends, but have obtained no satisfaction from them — —

11 Mo 25, 1844 —
Edmund Chace
Jonathan Freeborn } Overseers

which is accepted, whereupon we appoint Henry Slade Jacob H Vining, Robinson Buffinton Theo, Shove Azariah Shove, & Thomas S. Gifford to labour with them on that account, and report to our next meeting — —

Received from the overseers the following information (viz) :

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends
Seneca Lincoln has so far deviated from the established rules of our society as to unite himself with some of our members in holding seperate meetings purporting to be for Discipline & disregarding the advice of Friends — for which he has been laboured with without effect — which we submit to the meeting —

11 Mo 25, 1844 —
Theo, Shove
David Shove } Overseers

whereupon we appoint Lemuel Chace, Barzillia Buffinton & Lilly Gifford to labor with him on that account & report to our next meeting — —

Thomas S Gifford, Robinson Buffinton Abner Slade Moses Buffinton Jervis Shove. & David Shove are appointed a Committee on removal Certificates — —

David Shove Clerk

At Swansey monthly meeting of Friends held at Fallriver 12 Mo. 30th 1844 — — —

accounts being received from the several preparative meetings, the Representatives are for Swansey Abner Slade & Moses Buffinton, Freetown David Shove and Theophilus Shove, Fallriver Jervis Shove & Job Chace all present — —

This meeting being again interrupted in the transaction of its business by a few of its members as heretofore it is concluded to adjourn to meet at this house at half past two oclock this afternoon — —

Afternoon

Friends again met pursuant to adjournment Representatives present as in the morning — — —

The committee appointed at our last meeting to labor with Oliver Chace, Palmer Chace, William Wood, Thomas Wilbour, Amos C Wilbour, Israel Buffinton, William F Wood, Miller Chace, and Oliver Chace Jr, made the following report (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends—
We your Committee appointed in the 11th mo. last to visit and labour with Oliver Chace, Palmer Chace, William Wood Thomas Wilbour, Amos C Wilbour, Israel Buffinton, William F Wood, Miller Chace, and Oliver Chace Jr, on the subject of a complaint introduced by the overseers of our monthly meeting, Report—

That three of our members have visited and labord with all of the above named individuals, all of us have visited and labourd with a part of them, but have received no satisfaction from them, excepting Oliver Chace Jr, respecting whose case we are not ready to report———

Fallriver 12 Mo. 30th 1844 ———
Henry Slade
Theophilus Shove
Robinson Buffinton
Azariah Shove } Committee
Thomas S Gifford
Jacob H. Vining

which is accepted and they are hereby denied a right of membership with us, our Womens meeting concurring herein with the exception of Oliver Chace Jr in whose case the Committee not being ready to report, they are continued to have the care thereof, and report to our next meeting. Jervis Shove is appointed to inform them of the doings of this meeting

The Committee in the case of Seneca Lincoln presented the following report (viz)

To Swansey monthly meeting
We your Committee in the case of Senneca Lincoln report, that we have had an opportunity with him and he manifested no disposition to make Friends satisfaction or condemn his deviation, all of which we leave for the consideration of the meeting

Swansey 12 Mo. 26, 1844— Lilly Gifford
Barzillia Buffinton } Committee
Lemuel Chace

which is accepted

and he is hereby denied a right of membership with us having the concurrence of the womens meeting herein — Asa Shove is appointed to inform of the doings of this meeting —

Received from the overseers the following information (viz)

To Swansey monthly meeting of Friends —

Phillip Tripp & Luther Lincoln have so far deviated from the established rules of our society as to unite themselves with some of our members in holding seperate meetings (what they call meetings for Dicipline) and not taking the advice of Friends, For which they have been visited but received no satisfaction from them, which we submit to the meeting — —

Theophilus Shove } Overseers
Freetown 12 Mo 30 1844 — David Shove }

which is excepted, whereupon we appoint Eber Chase, Simson Buffinton & Moses Buffinton to labor with them on that account and report to our next meeting — —

Our esteemed Friend Mary Shove laid before this meeting a prospect she had of attending Sandwich Mo. meeting and visiting the families of Friends thereto belonging, with which this meeting unites she being a Minister in unity, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of our womens meeting in signing a minute on her behalf — —

Received from the Overseers the following information (viz)

To Swansey monthly meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

William A. Anthony having so far deviated from the good order of our Society as to connect himself in marriage with one who is not a member — — We present the case for the consideration of Friends

Fall River 12 Mo 30, 1844

Edmund Chase } Overseers
Jonathan Freeborn }

which is accepted,

Whereupon we appoint Mark Anthony & Thomas S. Gifford to labor with him on that account and report to our next Meeting —

A removal certificate from RhodeIsland monthly meeting of Friends on behalf of Asa Sherman, Wife Elizabeth & daughter Anna, presented at a former meeting is accepted and directed to be recorded ——

A communication from the meeting for sufferings of New England Yearly meeting of friends directed to the Preparative, monthly & Quarterly meetings of Friends on the state of Society, has been received, and read, and fully united with and directed to be recorded, (viz)

To the Preparative, Monthly & Quarterly meetings of Friends within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting ——

Dear Friends

In the discharge of the important duties devolving upon this meeting in the recess of the Yearly Meeting, we feel it to be incumbent upon us at this time to address you, and inform you of some of the deeply painful circumstances that have transpired in Society since our last Yearly Meeting in the progress of that separating spirit that is producing divisions amongus. ——

In Swansey monthly Meeting for a long time past there has been a want of that love and unity which are essential to the right conducting of the affairs of Truth. — More than two years since Committees were appointed in that meeting to propose the names of Clerks and Overseers of Society, but they were unable to agree upon Friends for those stations. — The state of this Meeting had claimed the attention of the Yearly Meetings Committee, and also of a Committee of RhodeIsland Quarterly Meeting, previous to our last Yearly Meeting; and much labor had been bestowed by them to remedy the existing difficulties, and to produce that organization of the meeting that would enable it to carry into effect the Discipline — the administration of which had been seriously interrupted. —— The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting "to assist and advise such meetings & members as circumstances may require and way open for", with a number of the Quarterly meetings Committee then under appointment, met with these two Committees of the Monthly Meeting in the 7th month and united with a part of them in their proposing to the meeting the names of certain friends for Clerks and Overseers. ——

With the exception of two or three individuals all the members of these Committees of the Monthly Meeting either united with the names proposed, or expressed their acquiescence therein.-- They were accordingly reported by those Committees to the Monthly Meeting, and the report was fully united with by the large body of the members of that meeting. — A few individuals opposed it, and the Clerk who was one of this number, refus,d to record the clearly expressed sense of the meeting; although earnestly advised to do so, by the Yearly Meetings Committee in attendance.— The condition of this meeting as it then stood was presented to the Quarterly meeting in the 8th month, which again appointed a Committee to visit Swansey monthly Meeting and assist in its due organization, that our christian Discipline might be supported, as in former days, to the honor of Truth At the following Monthly meeting, the individual who had previously acted as Clerk still persisting in attempting to hold that station contrary to the fully express,d sense of the meeting and of the Quarterly meetings Committee, and of the earnest intreaty and advice of the Yearly meetings Committee = and the monthly meeting having again at this time (with the exception of those individuals who had manifested their opposition at the last meeting) united in the appointment as Clerk of the friend who had been selected at the previous meeting, he proceeded to open the meeting, and the Representatives from all the Preparative Meetings presented to him the Reports from those meetings, and all answer,d to the calling of their names.—

Notwithstanding this decision of the meeting the former Clerk continued to sit at the table and to form and read minutes; and to prevent confusion, Friends after having read the minute of the Quarterly Meeting appointing its Committee, adjourned to a later hour in the afternoon — by far the larger part of the mens meeting and all the women withdrawing from the house and mostly again assembling at the hour of adjournment to transact the business of the meeting. — The persons who sustaind the the former Clerk in his decision against the judgment of the meeting with several women who were also disaffected towards Society, continued to hold what they call

Monthly Meetings, and at Rhode Island Quarterly meeting in the 11th month they presented an account purporting to come from Swansey Monthly meeting, which was not received or in any way acknowledged. —— After the business of the Quarterly Meeting was concluded these individuals with a few from the other Monthly meetings both men and women most of whom had for a length of time openly manifested a want of unity with Friends, remained in the house and called themselves Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, appointing Clerks, and a Committee to visit subordinate meetings. — This Committee thus appointed has since visited the Monthly Meetings and attempted to sit in them and to be recognized as a Committee from the Quarterly Meeting organized as we have described in a wholly unprecedented and irregular manner. ——

Most of them being already under dealing as offenders in their respective Monthly Meetings and refusing to leave Friends select for the support of our Discipline adjournment has been resorted to in order to be freed from this intrusion. — A few individuals have been found in each of the Monthly Meetings in Rhode Island Quarter who, being disaffected towards the body of Friends, have, under the advisement of this Committee united in forming what they denominate Monthly Meetings assuming to themselves the names of those meetings respectively. — Thus dear Friends a division in Society has taken place within the limits of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting; but we are comforted in being able to state that the great body of Friends remain united together, concerned for the support of the ancient principles, testimonies and discipline of our religious Society. — The *cause* of this schism we apprehend is to be found in a spirit of disaffection and desire for individual liberty. that is not willing to submit to that necessary subordination, recognized in our Discipline, of inferior to superior meetings, and of each member to the body, which has ever been found essential to the welfare and preservation of our religious Society. — —

Attempts are strenuously made by the Separatists to fasten upon the Yearly Meeting and those who do not unite with them, a charge of unsoundness in our fundamental principals — an accusation which we are fully assured is entirely unfounded in fact — as we have abundant evidence of the unabated concern of Friends to maintain inviolate the ancient doctrines and testimonies of our religious Society as professed and sustained by our worthy predecessors in the Truth: and to support our Christian Discipline. — As a manifestation of the care of Friends to hold up to view those Gospel Truths which we do most solemnly believe and which have ever been received by us as a people, we would refer to divers documents that have been issued by the Yearly Meeting or Meeting for Sufferings within the past few years, in which Friends are exhorted not only to hold fast to those ancient and established principles and testimonies of our Society, but faithfully cautioned against giving any countenance to the receiving or spreading of unsound doctrines, either by reading or circulating books containing them or otherwise. — The documents to which we specially allude are a "Minute of the Yearly Meeting" in 1836 — "An Epistle to the members of the Society of Friends of New England Yearly Meeting from the Meeting for Sufferings" in 1838, — the Introduction to the "Memorials of Deceased Friends" published in 1841, as well as the Appendix thereto, being a reprint of "The Testimony of the Society of Friends" published on the Continent of America" — and "An Essay on some of the prominent Doctrines and Testimonies of Friends issued by the Yearly Meeting in 1843. — These candid, full and explicit declarations, and the continued care that has been manifested by Friends individually to observe the recommendations contained in them, leave those without excuse who still persist in charging upon Society a declension from the principles of our predecessors in religious profession.

Efforts we have cause to believe are exerted in other Quarterly Meetings to extend the spirit of disaffection and to produce divisions among Friends — and these Efforts are often masked under the very plausible pretext of a concern for the support of the ancient principles and testimonies of our religious Society. — We feel it to be our duty affectionately to entreat and solemnly to warn Friends of being taken in the snare that is spread for them. — Brethren — be not deceived. — May the great Head of the Church in His mercy still condescend to watch over and direct us as individuals and as a body, that we may be preserved from falling. —

In order that no embarrassment may be experienced by Friends in determining what Meetings are in unity with the Society we have appointed the following correspondents to act untill the time of our next Yearly Meeting, by whom all documents issued by their respective meetings are to be signed, in addition to the usual signatures of the Clerks; and any paper purporting to come from either of those meetings not signed by the appointed correspondent, should be deemed as spurious.— (viz).:

For Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting —— Thomas Howland.—
For Rhode Island Monthley Meeting —— Jethro, F Mitchell.—
For Greenwich Monthly Meeting —— Rowland Green.—
For Swansey Monthly Meeting —— Olivir Earl.——
For Providence Monthly Meeting —— Samuel Boyd Tobey.——

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings of New England Yearly Meeting held at Providence by adjournment the 6th of 12th month 1844.—

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk.—

By the accounts from the several Preparative meetings it appears that the foregoing communication from the Meeting for Sufferings has exceptably read in those meetings respectively.—— David Shove, Clk,

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 1 Mo. 27th 1845.————
Accounts being received from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Daniel Chace & Lilly Gifford for Freetown David Shove & Joshua Shove Fallriver Asa Sherman & Thomas S. Gifford all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been assigned.—

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the 1st, 2d, & 10th from the several preparative meetings from which a summary has been selected descriptive of our present state which we forward to the ensueing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute by our Representatives David Shove, Abner Slade, & Thomas S. Gifford.——

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly meeting, Treasurer our proportion of Stock.——

Our esteem,d friend, Samuel Taylor Jun.r attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sidney Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fairfield State of Maine 11th Month 21st 1844 — expressive of his being a Minister in unity, his company and religious services have been acceptable and strengthening to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.—

Our esteemed friend David Dudly attended this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from St. Albans monthly meeting of Friends State of Maine held 9th Month 24th 1844 — expressive of his being a Minister in unity. his company and religious services have been acceptable and strengthening to us, the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute—

Our esteemed friend David Douglas attended this meeting with a copy of a Minute from St Albans Mo. Meeting of Friends State of Maine held 10th Month 22d 1844 (as companion to our Friend David Dudly) expressive of his being a Elder in unity, his company has been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.—

The Committee continued at our last meeting in the case of Oliver Chace jur. reported as follows (viz)

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends,

We the Committee in the case of Oliver Chace Jr report that we have had several opportunities with him and that he does not appear to us to be in a suitable frame of mind to make Friends satisfaction.——

Fallriver 1st Mo 25. 1845.—

Theophilus Shove
Robinson Buffinton
Henry Slade
Thomas S. Gifford
Jacob H Vining
Azariah Shove
Committee

which is accepted, and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us, our womens meeting concurring herein, and Joseph Anthony is appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting.——

The Committee appointed at our last meeting, to visit Phillip Tripp, and Luther Lincoln presented the following report, (viz)

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your Committee in case of Luther Lincoln an Phillip Tripp have had an opportunity with them and they do not manifest to us a disposition to make friends satisfaction all which we submit to the Meeting. ——

Swansey 1st Mo. 27th 1845
Eber Chace —
Moses Buffinton
Simson Buffinton } Committee

which is accepted and they are hereby denied their right of membership with us our Womens Meeting concurring herein and Asa Shove is appointed to inform them of the decision of this meeting. ——

The Committee appointed last month to visit William A. Anthony report as followeth, (viz)

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends,

We the Committee in the case of William A Anthony report that we have visited him and he did not appear to us to be in a suitable state of mind to make Friends satisfaction, which we submit to the Meeting. ——

Fall River 1st Mo. 25th 1845, Mark Anthony
Thomas S. Gifford } Committee

which is accepted and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us our Womens Meeting concurring herein. Joseph Anthony is appointed to inform him of the decision of this meeting. ——

Received the following information from the Overseers (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends

We have to inform you that the following persons (viz) Stephen Chace, Edward Slade, John Wilbour Jr, Anthony Chace 2nd & Edward Buffinton having identified themselves with those who hold meetings contrary to our Discipline (purporting to be meetings for discipline) by attending the same and otherwise, we have had an interview with each of them in which they manifested no disposition to give Friends satisfaction or change their course

Fallriver 1 Mo, 27, 1845 — Edmund Chase
Jonathan Freeborn } Overseers

which is accepted, Whereupon we appoint Job Chase, Thomas S Gifford, & Theophilus Shove 2d to labour with them on that account, and report to our next Meeting

Received from the Overseers the following information (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends

William Slade has so far deviated from the good order of our Society, as to unite himself with some of our members in holding seperate meetings, (what they call meetings for Discipline) also has taken an active part therein for which he has been visited but received no satisfaction from him which we submit to the Meeting

Swansey 1 Mo 26, 1845 Oliver Earl
Simson Buffinton } Overseers

which is accepted, whereupon we appoint Eber Chase, Jacob H. Vining & Henry Slade to labour with him on that account and report to our next Meeting

This meeting unites with the womens meeting in the disownment of Mary Buffinton from membership with us, formerly an approved Minister of this monthly meeting

The Treasurer informed this meeting that Swansey preparative meeting has paid its proportion of stock ordered in 12 mo, 1843. —

This meeting concludes to raise one hundred dollars to supply the Treasury, we appoint Moses Buffinton Joseph C Anthony, Joseph Shove, Asa Shove & Mark Anthony, to call on friends for their subscriptions and forward them to our Treasurer. —

Asa Shove Theo, Shove & David Shove are appointed to have the necessary care of Friends Meeting house and lot in Freetown under the direction of the Overseers —— David Shove, Clk, At Swansey monthly meeting of Friends held at Fallriver 2 Mo. 24. 1845, Accounts being received from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are, from Swansey Lemuel Chace & Simson Buffinton, Freetown Asa Shove & Theophilus Shove, Fallriver Asa Sherman & Jonathan Freeborn & William Chace all present —

The Committee in the case of John Wilbour Jr Stephen Chase Edward Slade, Anthony Chace 2 & Edward Buffinton made the following report in the case of Stephen Chace & Edward Slade (viz)

To Swansey monthly meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

We the Committee appointed at our last meeting in the case of Stephen Chace, Edward Slade John Wilbour Jr Anthony Chace 2, Edward Buffinton, report that we have visited Stephen Chace & Edward Slade, but they manifested no disposition to make friends satisfaction or change their course, —

Fallriver 2 Mo 24, 1845 —

Theo Shove
Thomas J Gifford } Committ
Job Chace

which is accepted and they are hereby denied a right of membership with us, having the unity of our womens meeting herein —— The Committee not being ready to report in the case of John Wilbour Jr Anthony Chace 2d & Edward Buffinton, are continued to extend further labour therein and report to next meeting ——

The Committee in the case of William Slade made the following report (viz)

To Swansey monthly meeting of Friends,

We your Committee appointed by our last monthly meeting to visit & labour with William Slade report, that we have had an opportunity with him in which he declar'd his disunity witht friends and his unity and membership with those who through the spirit of division & insubordination have seperated themselves from us thus manifesting no disposition to make friends satisfaction

Fall River 2 mo 8, 1845

Eber Chace
Henry Slade } Committee
Jacob H Vining

which is accepted and he is hereby denied a right of membership with us having the concurrence of the womens meeting herein and Lilly Gifford is appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting ——

The Representatives appointed to attend the last Quarterly meeting report that they all attended ——

Freetown preparative meeting in their account inform'd that Gideon Wood & Ruth S Shove propose laying their intentions of marriage before our next monthly meeting, who, accordingly appeard before this meeting & declared their intentions of taking eachother in marrige they are requested to wait untill our next meeting for an answer ——

Received from the overseers the following information (Viz)

To Swansey monthly meeting, of Friends

Silas Collins now a resident in Somerset Massachusetts, within the limits of Swansy Mo, meeting late a member of Hector Mo, meeting state of NewYork having obtaind a certificate from that meeting to ours has presented it to that body of people that holds a seperate meeting which they call Swansey Mo, meeting also persisted in setting in RhodeIsland Quarterly meeting at Providence after he was requested to leave and justified himself in so doing. He has also circulated scandalous reports (which are without foundation) respecting friends of our Yearly meeting who are in good esteem with us ——

Oliver Earl
Simson Buffinton } Overseers

2 Mo 22, 1845 ——

which this meeting accepts, and the Clerk is directed to sign a copy thereof on behalf of this meeting & forward it to Hector Mo, meeting of Friends ——

Our esteemed friend Mary Shove return,d a minute granted her in the 12 Mo last to attend Sandwich Monthly meeting and visit the families thereto belonging ——— — ———

This concurs with our womens meeting in the disownment of Arthur Chase Ruth Brownell Mary Chase Louisa Slade & Esther Sherman from membership with us ———

The subject of dispensing with our midweek meeting on the week in which our Quarterly meeting is holden, claim,d the attention of this meeting it is concluded to refer the further consideration of it to our next meeting ——— ——— David Shove, Clerk,

At Swansey monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 3 Mo 31st 1845

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are for Swansey, Abner Slade & Obadiah Chase Freetown David Shove & Theo, Shove FallRiver Henry Slade & Joseph Estes all present except one ———

The Committee in the case of John Wilbour Jr Edward Buffinton & Anthony Chase 2d made the following report in the case of John Wilbour Jr & Edward Buffinton (Viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends

We the Committee continued at our last monthly meeting in the case of Edward Buffinton John Wilbour Jr & Anthony Chase 2d. report that we have visited Edward Buffinton John Wilbour Jr and that they manifested no disposition to make friends satisfaction ———

FallRiver 3 Mo 31st. 1845

Thomas S Gifford
Theo, Shove 2d
Job Chase
Committee

which is accepted and they are denied a right of membership with us having the concurrence of our womens meeting herein, Joseph C Anthony is appointed to inform them of the doings of this meeting ———

The Committee in the case of Anthony Chase 2d not being ready to report are continued to extend further care in the case and report to our next meeting

Received from NewBedford Mo. Meeting the following Certificate in favour of Gideon Wood proceeding in marriage with Ruth S. Shove (viz)

To the monthly meeting of Swansey —
Dear Friends

Gideon Wood having requested our certificate on account of marriage this may certify he is a member of our religious society and on enquiry he appears clear to proceed in marriage with Ruth S. Shove a Member of your meeting ——

Signed by direction of NewBedford Mo. Meeting held 3 Mo. 27th 1845 ——

Charles R. Tucker, Clerk for the day

and nothing appearing to prevent their proceeding therein having consent of Parents, they are left at liberty to accomplish the same, by keeping to good order and Abner Slade & Thomas S Gifford are appointed to have the care thereof deliver the Certificate to the Recorder and report to our next meeting

The subject of dispensing with our midweek meetings on the week in which our Quarterly meeting is holden coming again before the the meeting also for discontinuing them on the week of our Yearly meeting we appoint Thomas S Gifford David Shove, Joseph Estes Abner Slade & Eber Chase to unite with a committee of the womens meeting in taking the subject into consideration and report to our next meeting ——

Swansey preparative in their account inform that Obadiah Chase proposes publishing his intentions of marriage with Esther Freeborn at our next Mo. meeting who accordingly appeared before this meeting & declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage; they are requested to wait untill our next meeting for an answer, Moses Buffinton & Jacob H Vining are appointed to make the necessary enquiry respecting their clearness to proceed therein and report to our next meeting ——

Fallriver preparative meeting in their account inform that Samuel R. Buffinton proposes publishing his intention of marriage with Mary S Chace at our next Mo. meeting who accordingly appeared, and declar,d their intentions of taking eachother in marriage they are requested to wait untill our next meeting for an answer and William Chace & Henry Slade are appointed to make the necessary enquiry respecting their clearness to proceed therein and report to our nex meeting ~~~~~

This meeting deeming it fit and convenient that the legal title of their meeting house & land in Fallriver now held by the heirs of Jonathan Chace, Benjamin Slade & Rheuben Chace, deceased, in trust for this monthly meeting should be conveyed to Oliver Earl, Simson Buffinton, Theo. Shove & David Shove, Jonathan Freeborn & Edmund Chace, as Overseers of this meeting and their successors in their said office to hold for the use of this meeting and finding that by the deed granting the land to the said Jonathan Chace Benjamin Slade & Rheuben Chace and their Heirs, it is provided that they and their Heirs are to convey the same as they shall be directed by the Yearly, Quarterly, or said monthly meeting or either of their Committees, so that the same may be enjoyed by the members of the said Monthly meeting in unity with the Yearly meeting of Friends for New England ——. This meeting does therefore direct & require the said Heirs to convey ~~the~~ the same lands as above mentioned & the Clerk is to give notice thereof to them and receive their answer & is to pay any expence necessary for drawing and executing such conveyance ——

David Shove, Clerk,

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fallriver 4 mo. 28th 1845, — Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are for Swansey Oliver Earl & Joseph Shove Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove Fallriver Robinson Buffinton & Nathan Chace all present

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto, from the several preparative meetings from which a Summary has been selected descriptive of the present state of this meeting which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute, by our Representatives David Shove Abner Slade & Henry Slade ——

The Committee continued at our last meeting in the case of Anthony Chace 2d not being ready to make a full report are Continued and requested to report to our next meeting ——

The Committee appointed to attend the Marriage of Gideon Wood, & Ruth S Shove report that it was conducted orderly & their Certificate delivered to the recorder ——

The Committee to whom the subject of discontinuing the week day meeting on Quarterly & Yearly meeting week, was refered, made the following report (viz) which is accepted, the womens meeting concurring herein ——

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends, We the Committee to whom was refered the consideration of the subject of discontinuing our midweek meeting on the Quarterly & Yearly Meeting week, & also to consider what alteration may be properly made in the holding of the preparative meeting when it occurs on the Y. meeting week, recommend, that the Midweek meetings in each case be discontinued, & that when the Y. Meeting interferes with our preparative meetings, the sd preparative meeting be held on the week next preceding the holding of the Yearly Meeting ——

Fall River 4 Mo 28th 1845 —— On behalf of the Committee
Joseph Estes }
Anna Shove }

The Committee appointed to enquire into Obadiah Chace's clearness to proceed in marriage with Esther Freeborn, report they have attended thereto & find nothing to prevent his proceeding, having consent of Parents they are left at liberty to accomplish the same, by keeping to good order, & Jacob H. Vining & Thomas S Gifford are appointed to have the care thereof, deliver the certificate to the recorder & report to our next meeting ——

The Committee appointed to enquire into Samuel R, Buffintons clearness to proceed in

~~marriage~~ with Mary S. Chace, report that nothing appears to prevent his proceeding. ~~therein they~~ are accordingly left at liberty to accomplish the same by keeping to good order, Joseph Estes & Jacob H. Vining are appointed to have the care thereof deliver the certificate to the recorder and report to our next meeting ——

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in the disownment of Mahitable Wood Ann Wilbour, Mary Buffinton, 2d & Mary Sherman ——

The Overseers presented the following information (viz)

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends,

Jonathan Slade having so far deviated from the order of our society as to neglect the attendance of our religious Meetings & the support of our Christian testimonies has been visited on that account - and altho, he treated us with respect, gave us no inducement to believe that further labour would be availing - ——

Fallriver 4 Mo 28, 1845 —

Edmund Chace
Jonathan Freeborn } Overseers

which is accepted whereupon we appoint Robinson Buffinton & Mark Anthony to labour with him on that account and report to our next meeting ——

The overseers presented the following information (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends ——

Dear Friends

Brayton Slade, Isaac Chace & William Sherman, having identified themselves with those who hold seperate meetings (what they call Fallriver preparative, & Swansey Mo„ Meetings) by attending the same & otherwise, have been visited on the account, but manifest no dispositeon to make friends satisfaction or change their course

Fallriver 4 Mo 28, 1845

Edmund Chace
Jonathan Freeborn } overseers

which is accepted, whereupon we appoint Joseph Estes Joseph C. Anthony & Theophilus Shove 2^d to labour with them on that account and report to our next meeting

Received from Dartmouth monthly Meeting a removal certificate in favor of Rebecca A Winslow which is accepted

The women meeting presented a removal certificate to Providence Monthly meeting in favour of Emily R. Stevens which being acceptable to this meeting the Clerk is directed directed to sign the same

Obadiah Chace & Esther Freeborn having requested that their Marriage may be accomplished at the close of this meeting is accordingly granted with the unity of our womens meeting

William Robinson having removed to live within the limits of Providence monthly meeting we appoint Abner Slade & Oliver Earl to prepare an essay of a certificate on his behalf if nothing appears to prevent and present to our next meeting

David Shove, Clerk

At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 5 Mo 26. 1845 Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are for Swansey Lilly Gifford & Obadiah Chace Freetown Theophilus Shove & Asa Shove Fallriver Azariah Shove & Job Chace, all present

The Representatives appointed to attend the late Quarterly meeting report that they all attended

The Committee in the case of Anthony Chace 2^d made the following report (viz)

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends. We your Committee continued at our last meeting in the case of Anthony Chace 2. report that we have had an opportunity with him, in which he manifested to us no disposition to make friends satisfaction which we Submit to the meeting — Which is accepted

Fall River 5 Mo 24. 1845 -

Theophilus Shove
Job Chase
Thomas S Gifford } Committee

and he is accordingly denied a right of membership with us, having the concurrence of our womens meeting herein, Azariah Shove is appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting —

The Committee appointed to have the care of Obadiah Chase, & Esther Freeborns marriage, report that they attended to their appointment, that it was conducted in an orderly manner & the certificate deliverd to the Recorder

The Committee appointed to have the care of Samuel R Buffinton & Mary S Chases marriage report that it was conducted orderly, and the Certificate deliverd to the recorder, —

The committee in the case of Jonathan Slade made the following report (viz) Which is accepted

To Swansey Mo. meeting of friends
To be held 26 of 5th Mo. 1845

We your Committee in the case of Jonathan Slade have had an opportunity with him & find in him no disposition to make friends satisfaction we therefor submit his case to the Mo. Meeting —

Robinson Buffinton
Mark Anthony } Committee

and he is hereby denied a right of membership with us having the unity of the womens meeting herein Joseph C Anthony is appointed inform him of the doings of this meeting

The Committee in the case of Brayton Slade, Isaac Chase & Wm. Sherman not being ready to report are continued and desired to report to our next meeting

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in the disownment of Rachel Lincoln from membership

The Committee appointed to prepare a removal certificate in favour of Wm Robinson, to Providence monthly meeting presented one, which being approved the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting. our correspondent is also directed to sign the same, and Thomas S. Gifford is appointed to forward it to the the place directed and record being made thereof—

The printed London general Epistle for 1844 has been received & read at this time to our satisfaction & comfort——

The Clerk & Correspondent is directed to sign a removal certificate prepared by our womens meeting in favour of Ruth S Wood to New Bedford monthly meeting of Friends -

David Shove, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fallriver 6 Mo,, 30th 1845——

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the representatives from Swansey Abner Slade & Eber Chace Freetown David Shove and Theophilus Shove, FallRiver William Chace & Joseph Estes, all present except one——

The Committee continued at our last meeting in the case of Brayton Slade, Isaac Chace & William Sherman not being ready to make a full report at this time are continued and desired to report to our next meeting——

David Shove Clerk

At Swansey Monthley meeting of Friends held at Somerset 7 Mo 28 1845

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the representatives are from Swansey Lilly Gifford & Simpson Buffinton Freetown Annis A. Lincoln & David Shove. Fall River Mark Anthony & Thomas S Gifford, all present ——

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from the several preparative meetings, from which a summary has been selected corresponding with the state of this meeting which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly meeting, with a copy of this minute by our Representatives Edmund Chace, David Shove and Lilly Gifford,

The Committee continued at our last meeting in the case of Brayton Slade, Isaac Chace, & William Sherman not being ready to make a full report at this time. are continued, and are desired to report at our next meeting ——

Jacob H. Vining Abner Slade Annis A. Lincoln, Eber Chace & Robinson Buffinton are appointed to select from the several preparative meetings suitable names to serve this meeting in the capacity of Overseers for the year ensuing and present them to our next meeting

The time for which the overseers of the poor were appointed having expired, we appoint Lilly Gifford Edmund Chace & David Shove to bring forward the names of some persons for that service to our next meeting ——

The time for which for which our Treasurer was appointed having expired, Moses Buffinton Oliver Earl are appointed to audit the Treasurers account, and propose a Treasurer to our next meeting for the ensuing year

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in the disownment of Rebekah Tripp from membership with us ——

The time having expired for which our register of Births, Deaths, and Marriage certificates, was appointed Abner Slade is appointed to that service for the ensuing year ——

An Epistle from our late Yearly meeting, addressed to our Quarterly & Monthly meetings, has been read at this time which is satisfactory to us ——

David Shove, Clerk.

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Fall River 8 Mo 25th 1845 ——

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Eber Chace, & Abner Slade: Freetown Theophilus Shove, & Asa Shove Fallriver William Chace & Theophilus Shove 2d All present except one ——

The time for which the Clerk & Assistant Clerk of this meeting having expired, the Representatives to whom the subject was refer'd having propos'd the name of David Shove for Clerk, & Thomas S Gifford for Assistant Clerk which meeting the approbation of this meeting, they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year —

The Representatives appointed to attend the late Quarterly Meeting, report that they all attended

The Committee in the case of Brayton Slade William Sherman & Isaac Chace made the following report (viz)

To Swansey monthly meeting of Friends ——
Dear Friends

We your Committee appointed to labour with Brayton Slade & others report, that have had several opportunities with said individuals, but do not find in William A Sherman & Isaac Chace any disposition to make friends satisfaction

The case of Brayton Slade we would propose to defer an other month, all which we submit to the meeting —— Fallriver 8 Mo 25th 1845 ——

Joseph Estes
Joseph C. Anthony

which is accepted,

William A Sherman & Isaac Chace are hereby denied a right of membership with us our womens meeting concuring herein Mark Anthony is appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting ——

The Committee not being ready to make a full report in the case of Brayton Slade are continued to have the care thereof & report to our next meeting

The Committee appointed ~~[illegible]~~ at our last meeting to select names of persons to serve this meeting in capacity of Overseers, made the following report (Viz)

To Swansey Monthl Meeting of Friends
We your Committee appointed to present names to serve this meeting as Overseers report the following (Viz) David Shove Theo Shove Oliver Earl Simson Buffinton Edmund Chace & Joseph Estes ——
On behalf of the Committee —— Eber Chace
8 Mo 25. 1845

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to audit the Treasurers account & propose a Treasurer made the following report (Viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends, We your Committee to settle the Treasurers account have attended to the same & find a ballance in his hands $46, 96 cts, and there is about $14 of the sum last orderd that is not paid in to the Treasury, which we submit to the meeting —
Swansey 8 Mo 25. 1845

And we propose Abner Slade treasurer for the ensuing year } Oliver Earl Moses Buffenton } Committee

which is accepted ——

and in accordance therewith Abner Slade is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to select names of persons to serve in capacity of Overseers of the poor presented the following (Viz) —
Abner Slade, Simson Buffinton David Shove, Annis A Lincoln, Robinson Buffinton & Thomas S Gifford which being approved, they are appointed to that service for the year ensuing —

An Extract from the minute of our last Yearly meeting accompanied by the report of the Boarding School Committee has been at this time, and in accordance therewith we appoint Thomas S Gifford Abner Slade Jacob H. Vining Annis A Lincoln Barzillia Buffinton & David Shove our School Committee for the ensuing year

David Shove Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 9 Mo 2d, 1845

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Moses Buffinton, & Lilly Gifford. Freetown David Shove & Annis A Lincoln, Fall River Mark Anthony & Theo, Shove 2d, all present —

The Committee in the case of Brayton Slade not being ready to report at this time are continued and desired to report to our next meeting —

A removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly meeting on behalf of Francis Perry has been presented & refer'd to our Committee on Certificates —

The time for which our Funeral committee was appointed having expired, we appoint Abner Slade Thomas S Gifford Asa Shove Earl Chace Annis A Lincoln Moses Buffinton, Barzillia Buffinton & Theo, Shove 2d to that service for the ensuing year

A removal certificate on behalf of Phebe Tucker was presented by our womens meeting which being approved, the Clerk, & Correspondent is directed to sign the same on behalf of this meeting —

David Shove Clerk.

At Swansey Monthly ~~monthly~~ meeting of Friends held at Fallriver 10th Mo. 27th 1845 ——

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings, the Representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade, & Simson Buffinton Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove Fallriver Robinson Buffinton & Job Chace all present ——

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from the several preparative meetings from which a summary has been selected descriptive of our present state, which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly meeting together with a copy of this minute by our Representatives Oliver Earl, Thomas S Gifford and David Shove ——

The Committee in the case of Brayton Slade not being ready to make a full report at this time are continued and desired to report at a future sitting of this meeting ——

A removal certificate from Greenwich monthly meeting on behalf of Francis Perry presented to our last meeting is accepted and directed to be recorded, ——

The appointment of Oliver Earl to the station of an Elder being proposed was fully united with by this meeting. and he is appointed to that station accordingly having the concurrence of our womens meeting herein ——

This meeting unites with our womeeting in the disownment of Rebecca Buffinton, Mary Sherman & Louisa Wood from membership ——

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth Shove to the station of an Elder ——

Lilly Gifford and Barzillia Buffinton are appointed to make provision for the ensuing Quarterly meeting and report the expence thereof to our next meeting —— David Shove Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 Mo 24th 1845 ——

Accounts being received from from the several preparative meetings the representatives are from Swansey Moses Buffinton and Oliver Earl, Freetown David Shove & Theo, Shove Fall River Azariah Shove & Earl Chace all present

Our esteemed Friend Lemuel Gifford attended this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly meeting of Friends held 6 Mo 27, 1845 expressive of unity with his ministry and present religious engagement, His company and religious services have been acceptable to us He has also acceptably ~~a~~ visited the families of Friends within the limits of Swansey preparative meeting — The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute ——

The Representatives appointed to attend the late Quarterly meeting report that they all attended ——

The Committee appointed to make provision late Quarterly meeting report the expence to be $11,50 c — which is accepted by this meeting and our Treasurer is directed to pay the same and call on the Quarterly meetings Treasurer for the same ——

Lilly Gifford Thomas S. Gifford and Asa Shove are appointed to report to our Register the births & deaths in the several preparative meetings not on record and also those that may hereafter occur ——

David Shove Clerk

At Swansey Monthly of Friends held at Fall River 12 Mo, 29 1845
Accounts being present from all the preparative meetings the representatives are from Swansey Eber Chace & Abner Slade Freetown Theo, Shove & Asa Shove Fall River Azariah Shove & William Case — all present ——

Received from the Overseers the following information (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends —

Oliver Buffinton has so far disregarded the order & discipline of our society as to wholly neglect the attendance of our meetings, and has identified himself with those who have seceded from us and set up meetings contrary to the order of society. for which he has been laboured with, but without any desired effect ——

Edmund Chace } Overseers
Joseph Estes }
12 Mo 29 1845

Which is excepted whereupon we appoint Eber Chace Robinson Buffinton & Jacob Vining to labour with him on that account & report to our next meeting ———

Received from the overseers ~~the overseers~~ the following information (Viz)

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Frederick Sherman has so far disregarded our discipline, as to wholly neglect the attendance of our meetings —— for which he has been laboured ith but with no disered effect ———

Edmund Chace } Overseers
Joseph Estes }
12 Mo 29 1845 —

Whereupon we appoint William Chace & Theo, Shove 2d to labour with him on that account and report to our next meeting ——

Our beloved friend Mary Shove opened in this meeting a prospect she had of visiting the families of friends of Long Plain preparative meeting also of attending New Bedford Monthly meeting which being approved by this meeting the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of our womens meeting in signing such minute as may be prepared on her behalf

Received from our meeting for sufferings the following communication (viz)

This meeting being introduced into concern on account of the want of information among Friends respecting the number of those who have seperated themselves from our religious Society & set up meetings out of its order within the limits of this Yearly Meeting after having deliberately considered the subject has come to the conclusion, to request the several monthly meetings belonging to New-England Yearly Meeting to furnish the Clerk of this Meeting with the number of adult friends male & female with their children of all ages, and also the number of those adults male & female who have joined with the seperatists (whether disowned for so doing or not and likewise the children of such making a distinction between them and the Children of Friends —

And they are also requested to furnish the number of Ministers & Elders in their respective meetings and the number of those who have joined in the seperation where they have so dome.

The Monthy meetings are desired to give attention to this concern as soon as practicable —

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk.

Whereupon we appoint Abner Slade, Jarvis Shove, Asa Shove Obadeah Chace Thomas S. Gifford & Annis A. Lincoln to attend to the requisitions therein stated & report to our next meeting —

Received from the Quarterly Meeting the following communication (viz)

This meeting concludes to raise nine hundred dollars for the ensuing year and several Mo. meetings are requested to forward to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer their respective proportions thereof — Swansey Mo. Meetings proportion is ninety nine dollars From the minutes of Rhodeisland Quarterly Meeting of friends held 11 Mo, 6. 1845

David Buffum, Clk,

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly Meetings treasurer our proportion of stock therein specified —

David Shove, Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 1 Mo 26, 1846 Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Obadiah Chace & Simeon Buffinton Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove Fallriver Robinson Buffinton & Theophilus Shove 2d present except one ———

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by the requisite answers from the several preparative meetings from which a summary has been compiled corresponding with the state of this meeting which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute by our Representatives Jervis Shove David Shove & Lilly Gifford ———

Our beloved friend Rheuben Jones attended this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Litchfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 Mo 19, 1845. expressive of unity with his ministry and present religious engagement his company & religious services have been acceptable to us ———

Our beloved friend Valentine J Meader attended this meeting as companion to our friend Rheuben Jones with a minute of concurrence from Litchfield monthly Meeting of Friends held at Hallowel 1 Mo 16, 1846, Expressive of his being a member in unity his company has been acceptable to us

The Committee in the case of Frederick Sherman made the following report (viz)

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends ~

We your Committee in the case of Frederick Sherman have paid attention to the subject by visiting the individual and he does not appear to us to be in a disposition to make Friends satisfaction or alter his course, Which we submit to the meeting ———

Fallriver 1 Mo 26, 1846

Theophilus Shove 2d } Committee
William Chace

Which is accepted, and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us having the concurrence of our womens meeting herein; Thomas S Gifford is appointed to inform him thereof

The Committee in the case of Oliver Buffinton made the following report (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends

We your Committee in the case of Oliver Buffinton having attended to our appointment Report, that we were unable to discover in him any disposition to make Friends satisfaction.

Fall River 1 Mo 15, 1846 —

Eber Chace
Robinson Buffinton } Committee
Jacob H. Vining

Which is accepted and he is hereby denied a right of membership with us having the concurrence of our womens meeting herein & Thomas S. Gifford is appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting

The Committee appointed at our last meeting on the subject of the communication from the meeting for Sufferings made the following report (viz) which is accepted —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

The Committee appointed last month agreeable to the request from the meeting for Sufferings to ascertain the number of members belonging to this meeting and also the number of those that have separated themselves therefrom have attended to that duty and report ——

Friends belonging to Swansey preparative meeting

Adult males	28
Do, Females	53
Children	13
Ministers none	
Elders - - - - - -	4.
	94

Seperatists in Swansey preparative meeting

Adult males	1
Do, Females	1
Children none	
Ministers none	
Elders none	
	2

Friends belonging to Freetown preparative meeting

Adult males		8
Do, Females		13
Children		9
Ministers	1 2.	0
	2	30

Seperatists in Freetown preparative meeting

Adult Males	4
Do Females	2
Children	8
Ministers none	
Elders none	
	14

Friends belonging to Fallriver preparative Meeting		Separatists in Fallriver preparative Meeting	
Adult Males ——	83	Adult Males	18
Do, Females	30	Adult Females	20
Children -	37	Children	29
Ministers none		Ministers 1.	
Elders 2.	1,00	Elders -- none	67

Total number of Friends in the monthly Meeting			Total number of Separatists from the Monthly Meeting		
Adult Males		69	Adult Males --		23
Do, Females		97	Do, Females --- --		23
Children		59	Children		37
Ministers	1		Ministers	1.	
Elders	8		Elders none		
	9.	225		1	83

Received from the overseers the following information (viz)

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Daniel Chace 2d has so far deviated from the good order of our Society as to proceed in marriage with one that is not a member of our Society which we submit to the meeting——

Swansey 1 Mo 23, 1846
Oliver Earl
Simeon Buffinton } Overseers

Whereupon we appoint Thomas S Gifford & Obadiah Chace to labour with him on that account and report to our next meeting

Jonathan Freeborn and family having removed to live within the limits of Providence monthly meeting requests our certificate—— Whereupon we appoint Jacob H Vining & Joseph Estes to prepare an essay of one if nothing appears to prevent an present to our next meeting——

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends now in attendance with us copys of the minutes made on their behalf respectively and sign them on behalf of this meeting

Our beloved Friend Mary Shove returned the minute granted her in 12 Mo. last to attend the Monthly meeting of New Bedford and visit the families of Friends of Longplain preparative meeting, accompanied by a returning minute from New Bedford monthly meeting expressive of her having acceptably performed that service ——

David Shove, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2 Mo 23d 1846 ——

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Daniel Chace & Burrillia Buffinton Freetown Asa Shove & Theophilus Shove Fall River Azariah Shove & Samuel R Buffinton present except one ——

The Representatives appointed to attend the late Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended

The Committee in the case Daniel Chace 2 made the following report accompanied by an acknowledgement from him (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends

We your Committee appointed at our last meeting in the case of Daniel Chace 2 Report, That we have had an opportunity with him, in which he appeared sincere in his desire that friends would overlook his deviation and retain him a member of our society which we submit to the Mo. Meeting ——

Somerset 2 Mo, 6. 1846 —— Thomas S Gifford, Obadiah Chace } Committee

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends
Dear friends

I hereby acknowledge that I have deviated from a rule of our Discipline by proceeding in marriage with a person not a member of our religious society and being satisfied with the doctrines and principles of Friends I desire that they may overlook this my deviation

and continue me under their care
Somerset 2 Mo. 8d 1846 — Daniel Chace 2

Which are acceptable to this meeting, and he is accordingly restored to unity with us, with which our womens meeting unite & Abner Slade is appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting ——

The committee appointed at our last meeting to prepare a certificate on behalf of Jonathan Freeborn and family presented one which being approved the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting and record being made thereof —- Thomas S Gifford is appointed to forward it to the place directed ——

The committee appointed in 1 Mo. 1845 to receive collections of Friends for supplying the treasury, inform that they have accomplished the same, and paid it to our Treasurer ——

Moses Buffinton Jervis Shove David Shove, Annis A Lincoln Joseph C Anthony Barzillia Buffinton & Robinson Buffinton are appointed to apportion moneys hereafter necessary to be raised ~~ases~~ for the supply of our Treasury and report to our next meeting ——

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in the disownment of Edeth G Almy from membership ——

David Shove, Clerk,

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 3 Mo. 30d 1846 —
present from the accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Obadiah Chace and Moses Buffinton Freetown David Shove and Annis A Lincoln Fallriver Earl Chace and Jacob H. Vining all present ....

The Committee appointed at our last meeting on the apportionment of stock between the several preparative meetings made the following report (viz)

To Swansey monthly
of Friends

We your Committee appointed last month to consider the proportion of stock to be raised by each preparative meeting have concluded to recommend 44 percent by Swansey preparative meeting 12 per cent by Freetown & 44 percent cent by Fall River which is respectfully submitted to the meeting

Swansey 3Mo 30th 1846 On behalf of the Committee
Jervis Shove

which is accepted

This meeting concludes to raise one hundred dollars to supply our Treasury, Samuel R. Buffinton, Joseph Shove, Stephen Robinson, Annis A Lincoln and Earl Chace are appointed to collect the same and pay it to our Treasurer ——

Received from the Overseers the following information (viz) ~~Whereupon we appoint~~

To Swansey Monthly
meeting of Friends

Nathan Earl has so far disregarded the good order of our society as to connect himself in marriage with one not of our society
Fall River 3 Mo 30th 1846 ——

Edmund Chace } Overseers
Joseph Estes

Whereupon we appoint Jacob H. Vining and Thomas S. Gifford to labour with him on that account and report to our next meeting ——

Received from the Overseers the following information (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Edmund Buffinton has so far deviated from the good order of our society as to proceed in marriage cotrary to discipline which we submit to the meeting ——

Swansey 3 Mo 30th 1846 ——

Oliver Earl
Simson Buffinton } Overseers

Whereupon we appoint Obadiah Chace and Theophilus Shove 2d to labour with him on that account and report to our next meeting ——

Swansey preparative meeting in their account inform that Benjamin S Earl proposes publishing his intention of marriage with Abby Chace at our next monthly meeting, who accordingly appeared before this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage, They are requested to wait untill our next meeting for an answer, — Simson Buffinton and Barzilia Buffinton are appointed to make the necessary enquiries respecting his clearness to proceed therein and report to our next meeting ——

Amos Earl and family having removed to live within the limits of Rhode Island Monthly meeting Eber Chace and Abner Slade are appointed to unite with a Committee of our Womens meeting to prepare an essay of a Certificate on their behalf and present to our next meeting if way opens for it ——

David Shove, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Fallriver 4 Mo 27 1846 —

Accounts being received from several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade & Simson Buffinton Freetown Theo, Shove and David Shove Fallriver Thomas S Gifford & Edmund Chace all present ——

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the answers thereto from the several preparative meetings from which a summary has been compiled corresponding with our present state which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly meeting with a copy of this minute by Lewis Shove Abner Slade & David Shove our Representatives

The Committee in the case of Nathan Earl not being ready to make a full report at this time are continued and desired to report at our next meeting

The Committee in the case of Edmund Buffinton made the following report (viz) —

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends, Dear Friends

We your Committee in the case of Edmund Buffinton have attended to the subject and we had an opportunity with him, and he appears desirous of making Friends satisfaction which we submit to the meeting

Fallriver 4 Mo 20, 1846
Theophilus Shove 2 } Overseers
Obadiah Chace }

accompanied by an acknowledement from him (viz)

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To Swansey monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Having so far disregarded the Discipline of our society as to moved in marriage contrary to the good order established amongst us I now feel desireous that Friends will pass by my offence and continue me a member under under their care. —

Edmund Buffinton

Which is accepted and he is hereby restored to unity having the concurrence of our womens meeting herein Ebed Chace is appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting ——

The committee appointed at our last meeting to make the necessary inquiries relative to Benjamin S Earl's clearness to proceed in marriage with Libby Chace, report, that nothing appears to prevent their proceeding therein, having consent of parents, They are accordingly left at liberty to accomplish the same by keeping to good order and Thomas S Gifford and Abner Slade are appointed to have the care thereof and report to our next meeting

The Overseers presented the following information (viz) which is accepted

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Richard Mitchel 2d has so far deviated from our christian discipline as to absent himself entirely from our meetings and attends those of another denomination and at an interview which we have had with him on that account ~~he~~ he declared that his views in regard to our religious principles were changed for which we laboured with him ~~with him~~ to convince him of his error but without any desired affect — All which we submit to the meeting

Fall River 4 M. 27, 1846 ——
Edmund Chace
Joseph Estes } Overseers

Whereupon we appoint Mark Anthony & Robinson Buffinton to labour with him on that account and report to our next meeting ——

The Overseers presented the following information (viz) which is accepted —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

Cromwell Chace has so far disregarded the good order of our society as to commit himself in marriage with one not a member of our society ------

Fall River 4 mo 27, 1846
Edmund Chace
Joseph Estes } Overseers

Whereupon we appoint Thomas S. Gifford and Henry Slade to give such attention thereto as way should open for and report to our next meeting ------

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in disowning Mary Ruggles from membership ------

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to prepare a certificate on behalf of Amos C Earl & family presented one which is refer'd to our next meeting for further consideration ------

Our Treasurer inform'd by receipt that has paid to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer our proportion of stock ------

Our Treasurer inform'd that Freetown & Fallriver preparative meetings have paid their proportions of stock order'd in third month last ------

David Shove, Clerk.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 5Mo 25 1846 ------

Accounts being received from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Eber Chace & Moses Buffinton Freetown Asa Shove & Theophilus Shove Fallriver Asa Sherman and William Chace all present ------

One of the Representatives appointed to attend the late Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended ------

The Committee continued at our last meeting in the case of Nathan Earl made the following report (viz) ---

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends

We the Committee appointed in the 3d Mo. last to labour with Nathan Earl report that we have attended thereto and that he did not think it would be best for him to attempt to make that satisfaction to friends that the disiplene requires which we submit to the meeting ——

Somerset 5 Mo 25th 1846 —

Thomas S Gifford }
Jacob H Vining } Committee

which is accepted
and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us having the concurrence of our womens meeting and Joseph Anthony is appointed to inform him thereof ——

The Committee in the case of Richard Michel made the following report (viz) ——

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends —
held at Somerset 5 Mo 25 1846. ——

We your Committee in the case of Richard Mitchel report that we have had an opportunity with him and altho, he appear,d respectfull, he manifested no disposition to remain a member of our Society ——

Robinson Buffinton }
Mark Anthony } Committee

Which is accepted
and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us having the concurrence of our Womens meeting herein and William Chace is appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting —

The Certificate presented at our last meeting on behalf of Amos C Earl and family coming again before the meeting, and being approved the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this meeting and Asa Sherman is appointed to forward it to the place directed, due record being made thereof ——

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to have the care of Benjamin S Earl's & Abby Chace's marriage, report that they attended thereto and that it was conducted in an orderly manner ——

The Committee appointed at our last meeting in the case of Cromwell Chase inform that they have paid some attention to the subject but are not ready to make a full report, they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting —— David Shove, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Fall River 6 Mo 29th 1846 ——
Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Oliver Earl & Simpson Buffinton Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove Fall River Benjamin Shove & Edmund Chace all present ——

The Committee in the case of Cromwell Chace are again continued and requested to report to our next meeting ——

The committee appointed to have the care of Benjamin S. Earl's & Abby Chace's marriage inform that their Certificate is now Recorded ——

William Chace who was appointed to inform Richard Mitchell of his disownment informed that he has attended to his appointment

David Shove, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 7 Mo 27, 1846 ——

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the representatives are from Swansey Joseph Shove & Obadiah Chace, Freetown Nathan Chace & Theophilus Shove Fall River Azariah Shove and Job Chace, all present ——

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by the requisite answers thereto from the several preparative meetings from which a summary has been selected descriptive of our present state, which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute by Abner Slade Edmund Chace & David Shove whom we appoint our representatives ——

The Committee in the case of Cromwell Chace not being ready to report are again continued and desired to report to our next meeting

The select preparative meeting inform,d that they had united in approving of the public appearence in the Ministry of Jacob H. Vining with which this & our Womens meeting unite, which we forward to the Quarterly meeting for disposal ——

This meeting has come to the conclusion that the Records of this meeting shall remain in the care of the Executors of Abraham Shove late of Somerset deceased who had the keeping thereof ——

Abner Slade Robinson Buffinton, Jacob H. Vining Lemuel Chace & Nathan Chace are appointed to confer with some suitable persons to serve this meeting in capasity of Overseers for the ensuing year and report to our next meeting ——

The above named Committee are also requested to confer with and present the names of some persons to serve this meeting as Overseers of poor for the ensuing year & report to our next meeting ——

Joseph C. Anthony appointed to inform Nathan Earl of his denial inform,d that he attended thereto

David Shove Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at FallRiver 8 Mo. 31st 1846 ——

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Simson Buffinton & Moses Buffinton Freetown David Shove & Asa Shove FallRiver Robinson Buffinton & William Chace all present —— ——

The time for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed having expired the Representatives to whom the subject of conferring with and presenting the names of some suitable persons to serve this meeting in that capacity for the ensuing year year, made the following report, (viz)

FallRiver 8 Mo. 31, 1846 ——

We the Committee to whom was refer,d the subject Clerk and assistant having confer,d together report, That we are united in proposing David Shove for Clerk & Thomas S. Gifford for assistant Clerk for the ensuing year ——

Simpson Buffinton
Moses Buffinton
William Chace
Robinson Buffinton
Asa Shove
Committee

Which being acceptable they are appointed to that service accordingly ——

The Representatives appointed to attend the late Quarterly meeting inform that they all attended

The Committee in the cas of Cromwell Chace made the following report (viz) ——

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends

We the Committee in the case of Cromwell Chace Report, That he is now residing in the State of Ilinois that soon after our appointment we wrote to him on the subject, desiring him as soon as convenient to answer the same which he has not yet done, but from his Father who has recently return,d from visiting him we learn that he received our letter and did not manifest any particular choice or mind about his right of membership, and added we must do as we thought best in the case, and under all circumstances considering his remote situation from Friends, and apparant indiferance towards making them satisfaction we have come to the conclusion that his right of membership will be of very little benefit to him or to friends at present which we submit to the meeting

Fall River 8 Mo 31st, 1846 — Henry Slade
Thomas S. Gifford } Committee

Which is accepted, and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us, having the unity of our womens meeting herein, Henry Slade and Thomas S Gifford are appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting ----

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to confer with some suitable persons to serve this meeting in the capacity of overseers — also to present the names of some persons as overseers of the poor made the following report (viz) ——

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends ——

We the Committee to whom was refered the subject of Overseers of the meeting & Overseers of the poor having confered together report, That we are united in proposing the following friends for Overseers of the meeting the ensuing year (viz) — Oliver Earl, Simpson Buffinton, Theophilus Shove David Shove, Edmund Chace & Joseph Estes ——

For overseers of the poor, Abner Slade, Simpson Buffinton, Asa Shove, Annis A Lincoln, Robinson Buffinton ~~and~~ Thomas S. Gifford ——

Fallriver 8 Mo, 31. 1846 ——

On behalf of the Committee —

Robinson Buffinton

Which is accepted and they are appointed to those services accordingly ——

Fallriver preparative meeting in their account inform that Azariah Shove requests that his Daughter Adelia may be admitted a member of our society whereupon we appoint Jacob H. Vining & Joseph Estes to take the subject into consideration and report to our next meeting —— ——

An Epistle from our late Yearly Meeting address,d to our Quarterly & Monthly meetings was received & read to our satisfaction & comfort

The report of the Boarding School committee was received & read & in accordance therewith we appoint Edmund Chace, David Shove, Abner Slade and Thomas S Gifford our School committee for the ensuing year ——

David Shove Clk—

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 9Mo, 28th 1846 —

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade, & Lilly Gifford, Freetown Theo Shove & David Shove FallRiver Joseph Estes, & Joseph. C Anthony all present —

The Committee appointed at our last meeting on the subject of Azariah Shoves request that his Daughter Adelia might be admitted a member of our society, inform that they find nothing to prevent his request ~~his request~~ being granted, which being acceptable to this meeting, she is accordingly recieved into membership having the unity of our Womens meeting herein —

The printed London general Epistle for 1845 recieved at our last meeting has been read ~~read~~ to our satisfaction & comfort —

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in the denial of Lydia Ann Wilbour from membership with us —

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in recieving Hepsebah Shove into membership with us —

The Committee appointed to inform Cromwell Chace of his disownment from membership with us, inform that they have attended thereto —

David Shove, Clerk

At Swansey monthly meeting of Friends held at Fallriver 10 Mo 26, 1846

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings. the Representatives are from Swansey Ebr Chace: & Abner Slade Freetown Annis A Lincoln & David Shove, Fallriver Thomas S Gifford & Theo. Shove [illegible] all present ——

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the 1st 2d 10th from the several preparative meetings from which a summary has be compiled descriptive of our present state which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly meeting by our Representatives Abner Slade, Joseph Estes & Annis A Lincoln. ——

Received from the overseers the following information (viz)

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Stephen G. Shove has so far departed from the established rules of our society as to connect himself in marriage with one not in membership with us. which we submit to the meeting ——

David Shove }
Theo. Shove } Overseers

Whereupon we appoint Thomas S Gifford & Mark Anthony to visit him on that account and report to our next meeting ——

10 Mo 26 1846 ——

Received the following information from the overseers (viz)

~~Whereupon we appoint~~

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Mason Chace has so far disregarded the good order of our society as to proceed in marriage

contrary to discipline
10 Mo 26. 1846

Oliver Earl
Simpson Buffinton } Overseers

Whereupon we appoint Robinson Buffinton & Barzilai Buffinton to visit him on that account and report to our next meeting ——

Our esteemed friend Mary Shove opened in this meeting a prospect she had of attending Pembroke monthly Meeting and visiting the families of Friends thereto belonging which being united with the clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Womens meeting in signing such minute as may be prepared on her behalf ——

Thomas S Gifford is reappointed recorder of removal certificates for the ensuing year

Simpson Buffinton & Moses Buffinton are appointed to make the necessary provision for the ensuing Quarterly meetings and present the expence thereof to our next meeting ——

David Shove Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 Mo. 30 1846 ——

~~-ed from the~~ Accounts being received from the several preparative meetings the representatives are from Swansey Moses Buffinton & Lilly Gifford Freetown Theo, Shove & Asa Shove Fallriver Joseph C Anthony & Robinson Buffinton all present ——

The Representatives appointed to attend the late Quarterly Meeting inform, that they all attended

The Committee in the case of Stephen G Shove not being ready to report are continued and desired to report to a future sitting of this meeting

The Committee in the case of Mason Chace not being ready to report are continued and desired to report to our next meeting ——

The Committee appointed to make provision for the late Quarterly Meeting made the following report (viz) which is accepted
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To Swansey Monthly Meeting —

We the Committee appointed to make provision for the late Quarterly meeting, have attend to our appointment and find the expence to be Ten Dollars ——

11th Mo. 30th, 1846
Simpson Buffinton }
Moses Buffinton } Committee

Which our Treasurer is directed to pay and call on the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer for the same —.

Received from the Overseers the following information (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Daniel Buffinton has so far disregarded the order & discipline of our society as to entirely neglect the attendence of our meetings, and attends those which have recently set up out of the order of society for which he has been labour'd with, but to no desired effect ——

Fall River 11 Mo. 30th, 1846 ——
Edmund Chace }
Joseph Estes } Overseers

Which is accepted.
Whereupon we appoint Jervis Shove & William Chace to labour with him on that account and report to our next meeting ——

Received the following Extract from the Minutes of our Quarterly meeting (viz) —

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset 11th Mo 5th 1846 — It was concluded to raise nine hundred and twenty five dollars for the use of the meeting and the several Monthly meetings were requested to forward to Welcome Congdon, our Treasurer their respective proportions of Sd. sum — Swansey Monthly meetings is

One hundred and one dollars and $\frac{75}{100}$ (11 pence)

David Buffum, Clerk

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer our proportion of Stock embrac,d in the foregoing Extract ——

The time for which the Committee to have the care of funerals having expired, we appoint Thomas S. Gifford, Jervis Shove, Joseph Shove, Abner Slade Simpson Buffinton, Joseph C Anthony, Asa Shove and Annis A. Lincoln to that service for the ensuing year ——

David Shove, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Fallriver 12 Mo. 28th 1846 ——

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade & Daniel Chace, Freetown Nathan Chace & David Shove. Fallriver: Mark Anthony & Edmund Chace, present except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been assined ——

The Committee in the case of Daniel Buffinton made the following report (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends
Dear Friends ——

The Committee appointed last month to visit Daniel Buffinton have attended to that duty. —— He express,d his satisfaction in attending the meetings of the seperatists, and a willingness to be denied the right of membership from Friends which we submit to the meeting ——

Fallriver 12 Mo. 28. 1846

William Chace }
Jervis Shove } Committee

Which is accepted, and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us, having the unity of our womens meeting herein, Joseph C. Anthony is appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting

The Committee in the case of Mason B Chace presented a report accompanied by a writen acknowledgement from him, which are refered to our next meeting for further consideration

Our esteemed Friend Mary Shove, returned a Copy of a minute granted her in 10th Mo. last to attend Pembroke Monthly meeting of Friends, and visit the families thereto belonging ——

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in the disownment of Elizabeth Lincoln from membership with us ——

This meeting unites with our Womens meeting in the restoration of Abby S Chace & Eliza B Aunzon to unity —

This meeting concludes to raise one hundred dollars to supply the Treasury — The Representatives now in attendance are requested to inform their several preparative meetings thereof, who are desired to forward their respective proportions of said sum to our Treasurer ——

The Committee appointed in the third month last to collect monies fo supplying the Treasury made the following report (viz) ——

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends —

Dear Friends

We your Committee that were appointed in third month last to collect monies, have collected One hundred Dollars and paid the same to our Treasurer ——

On behalf of the Committee

Fallriver 12 Mo. 28, 1846 —— Saml. R. Buffinton
Joseph Shove

David Shove, Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meetings of Friends held at Somerset 1 Mo, 25, 1847 —

Account being received from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Oliver Earl & Moses Buffinton Freetown Annis A Lincoln & David Shove Fall River Azuriah Shove and Robinson Buffinton all present ——

The Queries have been read in this meeting seconded by answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from the several preparative meetings from which a summary has been selected corresponding to our present state, which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly meeting by David Shove, Eben Chace & Joseph C. Anthony whom we appoint our Representatives —

The Subject of the following report of the Committee in the case of Mason B Chace, presented at our last meeting accompanied by an acknowledgement from him (viz)

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your committee in the case of Mason B. Chace have attended to our appointment, and he seems desirous friends would pass by his offence and continue him under their care —

Robinson Buffinton
12 Mo, 28, 1846 — Barzillia Buffinton, Com

To Swansey Monthley Meeting of Friends,
Dear Friends —

Having deviated from the good order of our Society by marrying not in accordance with the rules of Discipline, and acknowledging the disapproval of such a procedure and cherishing a regard for the principle of Friends, am desirous that you will overlook this eror retain me a member

Somerset 12 Mo 28, 1846 Mason B Chace

Which coming before the meeting at this time and after deliberate consideration thereon are accepted, and he is accordingly restored to unity with us, our Womens meeting uniting herein, Lilly Gifford is appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting

Our Womens meeting presented a removal certificate on behalf of Phebe Robinson directed to Providence monthly Meeting of Friends, which is approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk

David Shove, Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held Fallriver 2 Mo. 22 1847

Accounts being received from the several preparative meetings the representatives are from Swansey Obadiah Chace & Moses Buffinton Freetown Nathan Chace & David Shove Fallriver Ellis Gifford & Henry Slade, all present except one

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended

The Committee appointed in 4th Mo. 1845 in the case of Brayton Slade made the following report (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends now sitting

We the Committee appointed some time since in the case of Brayton Slade report, that we have had the subject of our appointment repeatedly under consideration, and having had opportunities with him and finding him fully determined to maintain the position which he has taken respecting society, we therefore feel clear to submit the case to the meeting for disposal

Fallriver 22 of 2 Mo. 1847

Joseph Estes
Joseph C. Anthony } Committee

Which is accepted, and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us, having the unity of our Womens meeting herein, William Chace is appointed to inform him thereof ------

Joseph C Anthony appointed to inform Daniel Buffinton of his disownment reported that he has attended thereto,

The printed London general Epistle for 1846 has been received and read at this time to our satisfaction and comfort ----

Received from the meeting for Sufferings the following Circular, (viz) ——

At a meeting for Sufferings of New England Yearly Meeting held in Providence 3d of 2 Mo, 1847 —— ——

Information being at this time received that in consequence of the principle means of subsistence of the poorer class of the people in Ireland having been cut off much suffering exists in various parts of that Country, and that Friends there and in Eengland and elsewhere have contributed, and are now contributing liberally for their relief, and a Circular upon the subject issued by Friends in England addressed to Friends in North America having been received and read at this time, it is the conclusion of this Meeting to recommend the subject to the consideration of our monthly meetings, in order that Friends may enter into subscriptions for their relief, should way open for it; and we appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, Perez Peck John Meader John Osborn John D Lang David Buffum Joseph Metcalf and Samuel Boyce a Committee to whom such supscriptions as may be obtained be forwarded, who are requested to take charge thereof and forward the same so that it shall be applied in such way as shall most effectually relieve the wants of those for whom it is intended ---

Signed on behalf of the meeting aforesaid

Samuel Boyce, Clerk

A Copy of the Circular refered to, is herewith forwarded ——

Whereupon we appoint Ellis Gifford, Joseph Shove. Moses Buffenton, David Shove, and Thom S. Gifford a Committee to take subscriptions in accordance with the recommendations therein contained, and forward the amount collected to the Committee of the meeting for Sufferings appointed to receive the same, and report to this meeting when accomplished — — —

David Shove, Clk —

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 3 Mo, 29d. 1847 —

Accounts being received from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Lemuel Chace, Freetown Nathan Chace ~~& Theophilus~~ Shove, Fallriver Theophelus Shove of Fallriver & William Chace, all present —

William Chace appointed to inform Brayton Slade of his disownment informs that he has attended to his appointment —

Asa Sherman Jun, requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in Marriage with a member of Greenwich Monthly meeting, whereupon Joseph C Anthony & Joseph Estes are appointed to prepare an essay of one if nothing appears to obstruct and present to our next meeting

David Shove, Clk —

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fallriver 4 Mo 26d 1847 —

Accounts being received from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey, Oliver Earl & Abner Slade Freetown David Shove & Asa Shove Fallriver Josep Estes & Thomas S Gifford; all present

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by the answers thereto from the several preparative meetings from which a summary has been adopted corresponding with the State of this meeting which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly meeting with a copy of this minute by our Representatives Ellis Gifford Abner Slade and David Shove ---

The Committee appointed to prepare a certificate on behalf of Asa Sherman Jun. presented one, which being approved the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this meeting ---

The Committee in the case of Stephen G. Shove made the following report (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends

We the Committee in the case of Stephen G. Shove having attended to our appointment report, that he does not appear to be in a situation of mind to make friends satisfaction (at present) which we submit to the meeting ~

Fall River 1 mo 26. 1847 ~
Thomas S. Gifford }
Mark Anthony } Committee

Which is accepted and hereby denied his right of membership with us having the unity of our womens meeting herein, David Shove is appointed to inform him of the doings of this meeting ~

Received from Scipio monthly meeting of Friends State of New York a removal Certificate on behalf of Richard Mitchel & family which is accepted, and directed to be recorded ---

Our Treasurer informed that Freetown preparative meeting has paid their proportion of Stock ordered in 12th Mo last ---

Our Treasurer also informs that he has paid to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer our proportion of Stocks. ---

David Shove, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 5 Mo 31st 1847 ——

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Barzillai Buffinton & Oliver Earl, Freetown David Shove & Theo Shove Fallriver Benjamin Shove & Theo, Shove 2d all present

The Representatives appointed to attend the late Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended

Our Esteemed Friend Charles Haverland attended this meeting with a Certificate of concurrence from Raisin Monthly meeting of Friends (Michigan held at Palmyra 3 Mo 10th 1847, endorsed by Adrian Quarterly meeting held at Adrian 3 Mo 24th 1847

expressive of unity with his ministery and present religious engagment; his company & religious services have been truly acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute ——

Our esteemed friend Sarah L. Haverland attended this meeting (as companion to her Husband with a certificate of concurrence from Rasin monthly meeting of Friends held at Raisin (Michigan 4th Mo. 7th 1847 her company has been acceptable to us

David Shove appointed to inform Stephen G Shove of his disownment informed he had attended thereto

Our Treasurer informed that Fallriver preparative meeting had paid their proportion of Stock ordered in 12th Mo last ~

The Committee appointed in 2d Mo, last to receive subscriptions for the relief of Ireland inform that they have collected one hundre & six dollars & twenty five cents, which sum they have paid to the Committee of the meeting for Sufferings authorised to receive ~~to receive~~ the same ——

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in receiving Catharine Aspinall and Catharine Aspinall Jr into membership with us —

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in disowning Isabel Chace from membership with us

David Shove, Clk.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fallriver 6 Mo. 28th 1847 — Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Joseph Shove & Lilly Gifford Freetown Nathan Chace & Theo. Shove Fallriver Samuel R. Buffinton and Mark Anthony all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been given —

Our esteemed friend Martha J. Hodges attended this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from China monthly Meeting of Friends held at South China 5 Mo 15th 1847 endorsed by Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting held 5 Mo 26 1847 expressive of unity with her ministry & present religious engagements her company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us — The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of our womens meeting in signing such minute as may be prepared on her behalf —

Our esteemed friend Rhoda G. Wing attended this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends (Mass) held 6 Mo 25, 1847 — as companion to our Friend Martha J Hodges expressive of her being a member in unity, her company has been acceptable to us — The Clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of our womens meeting in signing such minute as may be prepared on her behalf —

Our esteemed Friend David Kelly attended meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Sandwich monthly Meeting of Friends held 6 Mo 25, 1847 as companion to our friend Martha J Hodges, expressive of his being a member in unity, his company has been acceptable to us — The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a ~~of~~ Copy of this Minute

Our Esteemed Friend Jacob H Vining opened in this meeting a prospect ~~a prospect~~ he had of attending Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends next to be held at Nantucket, and if way should open for it some meetings within its limits, with which this, and our womens meeting unite he being a minister in unity —— The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute ——

David Shove Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 7 Mo 26, 1847

Accounts being present from the several preparative meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Eber Chace and Obadiah Chace Freetown Asa Shove and Theophilus Shove Fallriver Richard Mitchel and Joseph C. Anthony, all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been given ——

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from the several preparative meetings from which a summary has been compiled descriptive of our present state, which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute by our Representatives Robinson Buffinton William Chace and Oliver Earl ——

Received from the Overseers the following information (viz)

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends — Henry Buffinton has become so indifferent to the maintainance of the order and discipline of our society as to entirely neglect the attendance of our meetings and attends those of another persuasion, whereby he gives countenance to ecclesiastical requisitions, which our Christian testimony is against, for which he has been labboured with, but without any satisfactory result. — —

Fallriver 7 Mo 26, 1847 —

Edmund Chace } Overse
Joseph Estes

Which is accepted and in accordance therewith we appoint Thomas S Gifford & Richard Mitchel to labour with him on that account and report to our next meeting ——

Our Esteemed friend Mary Shove opened in this meeting a prospect that had for some time rested on her mind of performing a religious visit to some parts of Salem and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings, which being united with she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way she being a Minister in unity with us ‿ ‿ - -

Our Esteemed friend David Shove opened in this meeting a prospect he had of accompanying his wife Mary Shove on her proposed religious visit to some parts of Salem and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings, with which this meeting unites, he being a member in unity with us, the assistant clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf ‿ ‿ -

Received at this time a number of copies of the minutes of our late Yearly Meeting which are directed to be distributed among the families of this meeting ‿

Our Treasurer informed that Swansey preparative meeting have paid their proportion of stock ordered in 12th Mo, last

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in disowning Caroline Buffinton from membership with us ‿

This meeting being informed that Content S. Earl requests that their children (viz) John W. and Elisabeth S. Earl be united in membership with our religious society, whereupon we appoint Obadiah Chace and David Shove to unite with a committe of our womens meeting in visiting the family on that account and report to our next meeting ‿ ‿

The time for which our Treasurer was appointed having expired, we appoint Lilley Gifford & Moses Buffinton to settle the Treasurers account and propose a Treasurer to our next meeting for the ensuing year ‿‿

The term of the Overseers having expired Jervis Shove, Abner Slade, Lemuel Chace, Asa Shove & Jacob H. Vining are appointed to confer with some suitable persons to serve this meeting as Overseers for the ensuing year & present their names to our next meeting ‿

The same Committee are requested to present the names of some suitable persons as Overseers of the poor for the ensuing year ‒ ‒ ‒

David Shove, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fallriver 8 Mo. 30th 1847 ‒ Accounts being presen from the several preparative meetings the Representat are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Daniel Chac Freetown Nathan Chace & Asa Shove Fallriver Edmund Chace & Theophilus Shove, all present ‒ ‒ ‒

The appointment of Clerk and assistant Clerk for the ensuing year is refer'd to our next meeting David Shove is appointed Clerk for the day ‒

Our beloved Friend Lemuel Gifford attended this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Sandwich monthly meeting of Friends Mass. held 8 Mo, 6th 1847 ‒ expressive of unity with his ministry and present religious engagement his company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us ‒ The Clerk is directed to to furnish him with a copy of this minute ‒

The Representatives appointed to attend the late Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended ‒ ‒

The Committee in the case of Henry Buffinton not being ready to report are continued and desired to report to our next meeting ‒

Our esteem'd friend Jacob H. Vining returned a copy of a minute granted him in the 6th month last accompanied by the following indorsements (viz)

Our esteemd friend Jacob H Vining attended this meeting in which his company & religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerks were directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute From the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held 7 mo 1 1847

George Allen, Correspondent

William C Taber } Clerks
Phebe R Gifford

Our esteem'd friend Jacob H. Vining attended this meeting in which his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerks are directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute —— From the minutes of NewBedford monthly Meeting held 7mo: 22d. 1847 ——

Wm. C. Taber }
John Howland, Correspondent — Sarah Anthony } Clerks

Our esteem'd friend Jacob H. Vining attended this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Swansey monthly meeting of Friends dated 28th of 7mo, 1847 — His company and gospel labours have been satisfactory to us ——
Extracted from the minutes & sign'd by direction of Dartmouth Mo. Meeting of Friends held 28th of 7mo, 1847 ——

George Almy Correspondent Isaac R. Gifford, Clerk

Our esteem'd friend Jacob H. Vining attended this meeting with a certificate of unity and concurrence with his present religious engagements from Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held 6Mo. 25th 1847 —— his company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us —— —
From Sandwich monthly Meeting of Friends held 8Mo 6th 1847

Newell Hoxie }
Malliah Gifford Correspondent Hepzabah W. Swift } Clerks

The Committee in the case of Content S Earls request for her Children presented the following report (viz) ~~which is a~~

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
We the Committee in the case of Content S Earls request for her Children have visited the family on that account which has been satisfactory and we think well of granting the request, which we submit to the meeting
8Mo 30d. 1847 ——

On behalf of the Committee Anna Shove
Dara Shove

Which is accepted and they are accordingly admitted into membership with us ——

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers account and propose a Treasurer presented the following report (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting now sitting —
The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers account & for other purposes, report, that we have examined and settled his account and find in his hands $42 & $\frac{64}{100}$ and propose Abner Slade for Treasurer fo the ensuing year, which we submit to the meeting

Lilly Gifford)
Moses Buffinton) Committe

Which is accepted and in accordance therewith he is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year

The Committee appointed to confer with some suitable persons to serve this meeting in the capacity of Overseers, & also to prose names for Overseers of the poor presented the following report (viz)

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends —
The Committee appointed to confer with some suitable persons to serve this meeting as Overseers are united in proposing Oliver Earl, Simpson Buffinton, Theophilus Shove, David Shove, Edmund Chace, and Joseph Estes, for that service for the ensuing year —

On behalf of the Committee
Fallriver 8 Mo 30th 1847 —
Jarvis Shove

The Committee would also recommend, Robinson Buffinton Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade, Moses Buffinton Annis A Lincoln & Asa Shove, to serve this meeting as Overseers of the poor for the ensuing year —

which is accepted, and they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been received & read at this time which is satisfactory & in accordance therewith we appoint David Shove, Barzillai Buffinton Annis A Lincoln Joseph C Anthony, Richard Mitchel & Abner Slade our School Committee for the ensuing year

Extracts from the minutes of our late Yearly Meeting have been received and read to our satisfaction ---

The article of Discipline received at this time in relation to marriage. the Clerk is directed to have inserted in the books of discipline belonging to this meeting ----

Fall River preparative meeting in their account inform that Samuel Gifford proposes publishing his intentions of marriage with Susan Ann Mitchel at our next Monthly meeting. and the parties having presented the following declaration (viz) To Swansey Monthly Meeting

With divine permission and Friends approbation we intend marriage with each other
Samuel Gifford
Fall River 8 Mo. 30th 1847
Susan Ann Mitchell

Whereupon we appoint William Chace and Joseph C Anthony to make the necessary enquiries in relation to his clearness to proceed therein and report to our next meeting ----

David Shove Clerk
for the day

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 9 Mo. 27th 1847 — Accounts being present from our several preparative Meetings the representatives are from Swansey. Anthony Chace, & Simpson Buffinton, Freetown. Nathan Chace & Theophilus Shove, Fall River. Henry Slade & Robinson Buffinton, who are present except two. for the absence of one a sattisfactory reason was assigned.

The Representatives to our last Monthly Meeting. with whom the subject was left to propose the names of Clerk and Assistant. for the year ensuing, proposed at this time Thomas S Gifford, for Clerk and Asa Shove, for Assistant Clerk. which being unighted with by this meeting they are appointed to those services. for the ensueing year.

The Committee in the case of Henry Buffinton, mad the following report. viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

We the Committee in the case of Henry Buffinton. Report. that we have had an opportunity with him agreable to our appointm and that he manifested to no disposition to change his course or attempt to make friends sattisfaction, which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

Richard Mitchell }
Thos. S. Gifford } Committe

Fall River 9 Mo. 24th 1847

Which being considered is accepted. and he is hereby denied his right of Membership with us. having the unity of our Womens Meeting herein, and Jos. C. Anthony. is appointed to informe him of the doings of this Meeting.

Fall River Preparative Meeting in their Account informe that they are unighted in requesting of the Monthly Meeting, that their afternoon Meetings on the first day of the week begin at 3. O. Clock hereafter the year round = which being deliberately considered, it is concluded to grant them that request, having the concurance of our womens meeting herein.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to enquire into Samuel Gifford's clearness to proceed in marriage with Susan Ann, Mitchell, informed that nothing appeared to prevent their thus proceedin, he having consent of his only surviveing parent — they are therefore left at liberty to accomplish their Marriage according to our rules, and Jacob H. Vining and Joseph Estes, are appointed to attend the same, and see that good order is observed, also to take care that their Marriage certificate is recorded, and report to our next Meeting.

It is concluded to raise the sum of One Hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury, and the representatives now in attendance, are desired to informe our several preparative Meetings thereof, who are requested to collect their respective proportions of the above sum, and pay it over to our Treasurer.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10 Mo. 25th 1847 — Accounts being present from our several Preparative meetings. the representatives are for Swansey Oliver Earle and Moses Buffinton, Freetown, David Shove, and Nathan Chace. Fall River Thomas S. Gifford and Joseph Estes. all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the 1st 2ond and 10th succeeded by Answers from our several Preparative Meetings, from which a summary has been compiled, corresponding with our present State, which we forward to our ensueing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute, by Richard Mitchell, Jacob H. Vining, Simpson Buffinton and David Shove. whome we appoint our representatives.

Joseph C. Anthony informed this Meeting that he had informed Henry Buffinton, of his disownment from membership with us.

The committee appointed to attend the Marriage of Samuel Gifford, and Susan Ann Mitchell, Report: that they attended thereto, and that it was orderly conducted, and their Marriage Certificate had been handed to the recorder.

Received from our overseers the following complaint against Asa Buffinton. Viz. —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting
Dear Friends. Asa Buffinton has so far disregarded the order and discipline of our society as to entirely absent himselfe from our Meetings. and join himself in membership with another denomination, for which he has been laboured with.

Edmund Chace
Joseph Estes } overseers

Fall River 10 Mo. 25th 1847

which is accepted, whereupon we appoint Richard Mitchell, and Thomas S. Gifford, a Committee to labour with him on those accounts and report thereon to our next Meeting

Our Esteemed Friend Jacob H. Vining, opened in this Meeting a prospect which had for a conciderable length of time rested on his mind, of visiting in gospe love, the families of friends constituting this Monthly Meeting, which being considered, is united with and he is left at liberty to proceed therein having the concurrance of our womens meeting.

Our Esteemed friend Mary Shove returned at this tim the minute granted her in the 7 Mo. last to pay a religious visit, to some parts of Salem and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings, accompanied by a returning minute from Ware Monthly Meeting expressive that her company and religious services were truely accep-able to them.

Our Esteemed Friend David Shove returned at thi time, the minute, granted him in the 7 Mo. last to accompany his wife Mary Shove, on a religious visit to some parts of Salem and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings, accompanied by the following returning minute from Ware Monthly Meeting, Viz.

Our esteemed friend David Shove attended our last monthly meeting, and produced a minute of concurrance from your Meeting of 7 Mo. last, he has since in company with his wife Mary Shove, visited nearly all the Meetings, and families, constituting this Meeting= His company and examplary deportment, have been acceptable to us.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of Ware Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 14th of 10 Mo. 1847

John Page
Hannah Page } Clerks
Abijah Johnson Correspondent

This Meeting unites with our womens meeting in the disownment of Mary B. Osburn, from her right of membership with us.

We appoint Moses Buffinton, Barzillia Buffinton, and Joseph Shove, to make the nesessary provission for our approaching Quarterly Meeting and report the expence thereof to our next Meeting.

Thomas S Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 Mo. 29th 1847 Accounts being present from our several Preparative meetings. the representatives are from Swansey Daniel Chace, and Lilly Gifford, Freetown Annes A. Lincoln and Asa Shove, Fall River Edmond Chace, and Joseph C. Anthony, all present.

The representatives appointed to attend our late Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended.

The Committee in the case of Asa Buffinton, made the following Report viz.

"To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

The Committee in the case of Asa Buffinton, Report. that we have had an interview with him. agreable to our appointment, and that he did not appear to have any desire to remain a member of our society, or to make friends satisfaction

Thomas S. Gifford
Richard Mitchell } Committee
"Fall River 11 Mo. 29th 1847

Which is accepted and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us. having the concurrance of our womens meeting herein and Richard Mitchell, is appointed to informe him thereof.

The Committee appointed to make the nesessary provision for our last Quarterly Meeting, Report the expence thereof to be nine Dollars and fifty cents, which our Treasurer is directed to pay. and call on our Quarterly Meetings Treasurer for the same.

Fall River Preparative meeting informe by Receipt. from our Treasurer, that they have paid their proportion of One Hundred Dollars ordered 9 Mo. last.

Our Treasurer informes that Freetow Preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of On Hundred Dollars, ordered 9 Mo. last.

Received at this time from Seabrook Monthly Meeting of Friends, a returning Minute in favour of our esteemed friend Mary Shove, Expressive of her attendance of that Meeting and that her company, and religious servises, were to their satisfaction. Also Received from the above Monthly Meeting a returning Minute, in favour of our beloved friend David Shove, as companion to his wif expressive of his acceptable attendance thereof.

Received at this time a removal Certificate in favour of Joseph Dudley from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, which is accepted and directed to be recorded, our womens meeting concuring here

This Meeting unites with our womens Meeting in the reception of a removal Certificate in favour of Ruth C. Vining from St. Albans Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting unites with our womens meeting in the following communication directed to Nantucket Monthly Meeting of Friends, concerning Sarah J. Barney viz. "To Nantucket Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We received your communication respecting Sarah J. Barney, and appointed a committee who have visited her and made the following report, which has been united with in this Meeting. — and the Clerk is directed to signe the same" on our behalf.

Received at this time the following Extract, from the minutes of West Port Monthly Meeting of Friends viz: "Our friend Jacob H. Vining, attended this Meeting with Copy of Minute from Swansey Monthly Meeting expressing their unity with him and his present religious engagements, his company and religious services have been satisfactory and edifying to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

From the minutes of our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at West Port the 13th of 8 Mo. 1847
John Macomber } Clerk

The time for which the Committee were appointed to have the care of Funerals, having expired, it is concluded to reapoint the following friends to that service for the ensuing year, viz. Jervis Shove, Thomas S. Gifford, Joseph Shove, Abnr. Slade, Simpson Buffinton, Joseph C. Anthony, Asa Shove, and Annes A. Lincoln, with the addition of Obadiah Chace, appointed thereto at this time.

Our beloved friend Jacob H Vining informed this Meeting that he had attended to his prospect of visiting the families of Friends constituting this Monthly Meeting, to the satisfaction of his own mind, which is satisfactory to this Meeting.
Thomas S. Gifford, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friend held at Fall River 12 Mo. 27th 1847 Accounts being present from our several preparative meetings the representatives are from Swansey Obadiah Chace, and Simpson Buffinton, Freetown David Shove, and Nathan Chace, Fall River Asa Sherman and Job Chace, all present except one.

Richard Mitchell reported, that he had informed Asa Buffinton of his disownment from his right of membership with us.

Received at this time a number of copies of the London Printed Epistle for 1847, one of which has been read, and is to our satisfaction and encouragment.

Our Esteemed Friend Jacob H. Vining, opened in this meeting a prospect that had for a concidirable length of time rested on his mind, and laterly with increasing weight, of performing a Religious visit too and within the limits of Salem, Dover, Falmouth, Vassalborough, and Fairfield, Quarterly Meetings, which being weightily concidered, was fully united with, by this, and our wome meeting, and he, left at liberty to persue his prospect as Truth may open the way, he being a Minister in unity with us: the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

This Meeting unites with our womens meeting in the reception of a removal Certificate in favour of Lois A. Sherman, from South Kingston Monthly Meeting.

Our Esteemed Friend Edmund Chace, expressed in this Meeting, that he felt a willingness to accompany our friend Jacob H. Vining, on his proposed visit as set fourth in his certificate granted at this time — which being concidered was united with by this, and our womens meeting, and he left at liberty to proceed therein, he being an Elder in unity with us: and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Thomas S. Gifford, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 1 Mo. 31st 1848 Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings the representatives are from Swansey, Moses Buffinton & Simpson Buffinton, Freetown, David Shove & Jervis Shove, Fall River, William Chace, & Azariah Shove, all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and 1st ,, 2ond ,, and 10th ,, succeeded by Answers from our several Preparative meetings, from which a summa has been compiled corresponding with our present state, which we forward to our ensueing Quarterly Meetin together with a copy of this minute, by Thomas S Giff, Abner Slade, and Jervis Shove, whom we appoint our representatives

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting viz:

"At Rhoda Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset 11 Mo. 4th 1847

This meeting concluded to raise five hundred dollars for the present year and the several Monthly Meeting are requested to forward to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer their respective proportions of that sum. Swansey Monthly Meetings proportion is fifty five dollars. 11 per. cent

$ 55,00 David Buffum } Clerk"

By which it appears that our proportion of that meetings stock, for the present year is fifty five dollars, which sum our Treasurer is directed to pay to Welcome Congdon the Treasurer of that meeting.

The time for which the Recorder of Births, Deaths, Burials, and Marriage Certificates, was appointed by this meeting, having expired, it is concluded to reappoint Abner Slade to those services for the ensueing year.

Thomas T. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2 Mo. 28th 1848

Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings the representatives are, from Swansey Benjamin A. Chace, & Lilly Gifford, Freetown Theophilus Shove 2nd & David Shove, Fall River Asa Sherman, & Ellis Gifford, all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting informe that they all attended.

Received at this time the following Extract from the minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting viz

"At R. Island Quarterly meeting held at Providence 2 Mo. 3rd 1848

The representatives to whom the subject of a new apportionment of Stock among the several Monthly Meetings was referred, reported the following viz Rhode Island 28 per cent Greenwich, 10 Swanzey 12, Providence 48 South Kingston 2, which is accepted by the meeting and the monthly meetings are desired to forwa their proportions of the five hundred dollars called for last Quarter, in accordance therewith to Welcome Congdon Treasurer

Swanzey Monthly Meetings proportion is sixty dollars $ 60

David Buffum; Cler

By which it appears that our proporti of that meetings Stock for the present year is Sixty Dollars, which sum our Treasurer is directed to pay to Welcome Congdon the Treasurer of that meeting. Since our last Monthly meeting, our Quarterly meeting has entered into a new apportionment of Stock among the several monthly meetings belonging thereto — therefore the direction given to our Treasurer at our last Monthly Meeting to pay to Welcome Congdon the sum of fifty five dollars is null and void

Our Esteemed friend Jacob H. Vining returned at this time the minute granted him in 12 mo last, to performe a religious visit too and withi the limits of Salem, Dover, Falmouth, Vassalborough, & Fairfield, Quarterly meetings, accompanied with returning minutes, from Salem, Falmouth an Fairfield Quarterly Meetings and also a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Durham expressive that his company and gospe labours were acceptable to them, and he informed this meeting, that in attending to this service, it has been to the peace of his own mi all of which are satisfactory to us.

Our Esteemed friend Edmund Chace returned at this time the minute granted him in the 12 mo. last (to accompany our friend Jacob H. Vining, on his then proposed religious visit,) with returning minutes from Salem, Falmouth, and Fairfied Quarterly Meetings;

and also a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Durham expressive that his company and solid deportment were asceptable to them; which is sattisfactory to this Meeting.

Our Treasurer informes that Swansey preparative Meeting has paid their proportion of one hundred dollars ordered 9 Mo. last.

Received from Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends the following information concerning Daniel Meader viz. "To the Monthly Meeting

Daniel Meader a member of this Meeting now residing in Somerset Mass. – we are informed has married out of the order of Friends to a woman not a member with us, which we submit

Tobias Meader }
Samuel Dennis } overseers

Dover 1 Mo. 12th 1848

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

A complaint being presented to this Meeting against Daniel Meader, and being informed that he is residing within your limits, we have directed our Clerk to forward the complaint to you and request your care in the case and a report of the result of your labours.

From the Minutes of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Rochester 1 Mo. 19th 1848

Olney Thompson } Clerk

Joseph Tuttle Correspondent"

Whereupon ~~we~~ appoint Oliver Earle and Eber Chace a committee to labour with him on that account and report to our next meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 3 Mo. 27th 1848 Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings, the representatives are for Swansey Abner Slade, and Daniel Chace, Freetown, Jervis Shove and Theophilus Shove, Fall River Robinson Buffinton, and Frances H. Perry, all present.

The Committee in the case of Daniel Meader made the following report, viz. To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends We your committee in the case of Daniel Meader Report — That we have laboured with him on account of a complai received from Dover Monthly Meeting, and he does not manifest any disposition to make friends sattisfaction for his outgoing, which we submit to the Meeting.

Oliver Earle
Eber Chace } Committee

Somerset 3 Mo. 27th 1848

Which is accepted, and the Clerk is directed to forward the same to Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends, together with the extracts from our minutes, relating to the care taken by this Meeting in the case, and sign the same on our behalfe.

Received at this time a returning Minute from the Quarterly Meeting of Dover held 12 Mo. 27th 184 also, a Minute from the Monthly Meeting of Litchfie held 2 Mo. 18th 1848, on behalfe of our friend Jaco H. Vining, each expressive of his attendance of those Meetings, and that his company and gospel labour were acceptable to them.

Received at this time a returning Minute from the Quarterly Meeting of Dover held 12 Mo. 27th 184 also a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Litchfield held 2 Mo. 18th 1848, on behalfe of our friend Edmu Chace, each expressive of his attendance of those Mee-tings (as companion to our friend Jacob H. Vinin and that his company was acceptabe to them.

Our Esteemed friend Mary Shove, opened in this Meeting a prospect which had for a concidera length of time rested on her Mind to visit in Gos love the families of friends belonging to this Month Meeting — which being concidered was united with and she left at liberty to proceed therein.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 4 Mo. 24th 1848 — accounts being present from our several Preparative meetings, the representatives are for Swansey Barzillia Buffinton, and Abna Slade, Freetown David Shove, and Nathan Chace, Fall River, Richard Mitchell, and Joseph Estes, all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto, from our several preparative Meetings, from which summary Answers have been compiled, corresponding with the State of this meeting, which together with a copy of this minute are directed to be forwarded to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by our friends Jacob H Vining, Moses Buffinton and Theophilus Shove, whom we appoint our representatives, - the Clerk is directed to append to this, the necessary extracts from our minutes, for the information of the Quarterly Meeting, and sign the same on our behalf.

Our Treasurer informes of having paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our proportion of that Meetings Stock.

Our Esteemed Friend Ruth Davis attended this Meeting with a minute of concurance, from New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 Mo. 23rd 1848 = Expressive of her prospect of uniting with our friend Mary Shove, in paying a religious visit to the families of Friends in this monthly meeting, and of their unity with her herein, she being a minister in unity with them, her company and religious labours among us have been to our satisfaction.

Presented at this time from New York Monthly Meeting of Friends, a removal Certificate in favour of Jared Macy, which, after being read, is refered to our committee on Certificates.

Received at this time a returning minute from the Quarterly Meeting of Vassalborough held 2 Mo. 11th 1848, on behalf of our friend Jacob H Vining, expressive of his attendance of that

Meeting and that his company and religious servises, were acceptable to them, — Also we hav received, from the afforesaid Quarterly Meeting of Vassalborough, a returning minute, in favour of our friend Edmund Chace, expressive of his attendance of that Meeting, (as companion to our friend Jacob H. Vining, and that his company and deportment were satisfactory to them. - all of which is acceptable to this meeting

Thomas G. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 5 Mo. 29th 1848. — Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings, the representatives are for Swansey, Lilly Gifford, and Simpson Buffinton, Freetown Theophilus Shove, 2nd, and Nathan Chace, Fall River, Richard Mitchell, and Azariah Shove, all present except one.

The representatives, apointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting, informed that they all attended.

The removal certificate presented at our last Meeting in favour of Jared Macy, being again considered it is concluded to refer the case for further consideration, untill our next Meeting.

This Meeting unites with our womens meeting in receiving, Mary Potter into Membership with us.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalfe the returning minute, in favour of our esteemed frien Ruth Davis, prepared by our womens Meeting.

It is concluded to raise the sum of One Hundred Dollars, to supply our Treasury, and the representatives, now in attendance are directed to inform our several preparative Meetings thereof, and they a requested to collect, and forward their respective proportions of the above sum, to Abna Slade the Treasurer of this Meeting.

Thomas G. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 6 Mo. 26th 1848 1 D Accounts being present from our several preparative Meetings the representatives are for Swansey, Oliver Earle, & Benjamin A. Chace. Freetown, David Shove, & Nathan Chace, Fall River Robinson Buffinton & Joseph Estes, all present.

The case of the removal Certificate presented to this Meeting in the 4th Mo. last in favour of Jared Macey, being again concidered, it is concluded to return it to New York Monthly Meeting of Friends, and the Clerk is directed to prepare a communication to that Meeting seting fourth our reasons for so doing and present the same to our next Meeting

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in the disownment of Sarah M. Chace, from her right of Membership with us

Received from our overseers the following complaint against Isaac Lawton. viz.

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Isaac Lawton has disregarded the good order of our discipline by marrying one not in membership with us

Edmund Chace } overseers
Joseph Estes }

Fall River 6 Mo. 26th 1848

whereupon we appoint Richard Mitchell, Jacob H. Vining, and Robinson Buffinton a committee to labour with him on that account and report to our next Meeting.

Received from our overseers the following complaint, against Charles Anthony. viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends.

Charles Anthony is so far regardless

of the good order of our discipline as to nearly
or quite neglect the attendance of our meetings an
his conduct is otherwise exceptionable, whereupon
labour has been bestowed but without any desired
effect. Edmund Chace }
Fall River 6 mo. 26th 1848 Joseph Estes , } overse
whereupon we appoint Thomas S. Gifford and Asa
Sherman a committee to labour with him on
those accounts and report to our next meeting.
Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held
in Somerset 7 Mo. 31st 1848 — Account being present
from our several preparative Meetings, the repre-
sentatives are for Swansey, Abna Slade & Anthony
Chace Freetown, Jervis Shove & Asa Shove Fall Rive
Azariah Shove & Asa Sherman, all present
except one for whose absence a satisfactory reaso
was assigned

The Queries have been read in this Meeting
with Answers to the first, second and tenth from
our several Preparative Meetings, from which a
sumary has been compiled which the Clerk is
directed to forward to our ensuing quarterly Me
-ting, together with a copy of this minute by
Richard Mitchell, Simpson Buffinton, and Jervi
Shove whom we appoint our representatives

The Clerk is directed to sign the following com-
munication on our behalf, and forward it to New
York Monthly Meeting of Friends, together with
the removal certificate therein refered to, viz.
" To New York Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends
In the fourth Month last a remo
-al certificate from your Monthly Meeting in
favour of Jared Macy, was presented to our Me
-ting and refered to our committee on Certificat
who subsequently reported that they had visite
the friend, who informed them that he had not
attended our meetings for nearly four years, an
was then attending meetings of another denomina-

tion. also that he had no desire longer to remain a member of the society of friends. "

The Committee in the case of Isaac Lawton informe of having attended to their appointment, but are not ready to make a full report. they are therefore continued, and desired to report to our next meeting.

The Committee in the case of Charles Anthony informe that they have paid some attention thereto, but are not ready to make a full report at this time, they are therefore continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

We appoint Abna Slade, Jervis Shove, Robins Buffinton and Lilly Gifford, a Committee to confer with some suitable friends to serve this meeting in the capasity of Overseers for the ensueing year. — the above Committee are also desired to confer with some suitable friends to serve this meeting as overseers of the Poor, and present the names thereof to our next Meeting.

A number of Copies of the Printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were received at this time, which are directed to be distributed among our members

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 8 Mo. 28th 1828 1 Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings the representatives are for Swansey, Moses Buffinton & Joseph Shove. Freetown Theophilus Shove, & Asa Shove. Fall River Henry Slade, & Ellis Gifford. all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The representatives appointed to attend our late Quarterly Meeting, informe that they all attended.

The committee in the case of Isaac Lawton made the following report viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

We your committee in the case of Isaac Lawton, report, that we have attended to our appointment so far as to address a communication by letter to him on the subject of the complain but have received no answer, and we now propose the propriety of this meeting communicating the subject to Nine Partners Monthly Meeting in which the person resides

Fall River 8 Mo. 28th 1848

Richard Mitchell }
Jacob H. Vining } Com.

Which is accepted, whereupon it is the conclusion of this meeting to refer the case to the care of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting of Friends State of N.Y. and the Clerk is directed to forward the complaint to that Meeting, together with a reques that they would labour with him on our behalf and report to this meeting

The committee in the case of Charles Anthony informe of having paid further attention to their appointment, but are not ready to make a full report. they are therefore continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

The committee appointed at our last meeting in the case of Overseers, propose the following viz. Oliver Earle, Simpson Buffinton, Theophilus Shove, David Shove, Edmund Chace, and Joseph Estes, which being united with they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year, having the concurance of our womens meeting herein. The same committee also propose the followin friends as Overseers of the Poor, viz. Moses Buffinton Abner Slade, William Chace, Thomas S. Gifford, Asa Shove and Annis A. Lincoln, which being unite with, they are appointed to that service for the year ensuing our womens meeting concurring herein.

Received from our last Quarterly Meeting a report of the Bordin School Committee, which having been read is satisfactory, and we appoint the following friends to constitute our school committee for the year ensueing viz. Abner Slade, Ellis Gifford, Thos. S. Gifford. Moses Buffinton, and Jervis Shove.

The Records belonging to this meeting heretofore placed under the care of the Executrix of our late friend Abraham Shove, Disceased, are by direction ~~thereof~~, for the present placed under the care of Thomas S. Gifford the Clerk of this meeting viz. Two Books of Reccords of Swansey Monthly meeting of men Friends from the time of the establishing of said Meeting in the 9 mo. 1732 to the 8 mo. 1844 Also two Books of Reccords of said Meeting for Women friends from the settlement of said Meeting in the 9 mo. 1732 to 4 mo. 1837 = Also a Book of reccord containing Testamonies of Denial by this Meeting and a Writen Book of Christian and Brotherly Advices given forth by the yearly meeting in London and Transcribed by John Pope of Boston 1763.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthley Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 9 Mo. 5th 1848. Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings the representatives, are for Swansey, — Obadiah Chace & Simpson Buffinton, Freetown. Nathan Chace & David Shove, Fall River William Chace & Joseph Estes, all present.

David Shove on behalfe of the representatives informed this Meeting, that they had confered together on the subject of Clerks, and were united in proposeing the appointment of Thomas S. Gifford for Clerk, and Asa Shove, for Assistant, which being united with, they are appointed to those services for the ensueing year.

The Committee in the case of Charles Anthony having paid further attention to that subject, are again continued to have the care thereof and report to our next Meeting.

This Meeting unites with our womens Meeting in receivin
Sarah S. Earle. into membership with us.

Our Treasurer informed that the time for which he was appointed, had expired whereupon we appoint Obadiah Chace. and Lilly Gifford. to audi and settle the Treasurers Account. and propose the name of a suitable friend to serve this Meeting in that capasity. and report thereon to our next Meeting.

This Meeting concludes to appoint Thomas S. Gifford recorder of removal Certificates.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 10 Mo. 30th 1848 — Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings the representatives are for Swansey Benjamin A. Cha & Eber Chace, Freetown Theophilus Shove & Asa Shove Fall River Henry Slade & Richard Mitchell, all pres

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the first, second, and tenth, succeeded by Answers from our several Preparative Meetings, from which sumary answers have been compiled, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, together with a copy of this Minu by Simpson Buffinton, Job Chace, & Richard Mitchell. whom we appoint our representitives.

The Committee in the case of Charles Anthony, made the following report, viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

We the Committee in the case of Charles Anthony appointed in the 6th Mo. last. Report that since our appointment we have adressed him by letter at New Bedford on the subject of the complaint isued against him by the overseers of our monthly meeting, from which we received no respo one of us endeavoured to treat with him on the sam subject whilst there. but was unable to find him and from what we have been able to learn resp ing him. we have reason to believe that there has been no improvement in his conduct, which we submit to the meeting.

Asa Sherman
Fall River 10 Mo. 30th 1848 Thomas S. Gifford } Committee

Which is accepted, and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us. having the concurance of our womens meeting herein, and Thomas S. Gifford, is appointed to informe him thereof and report.

Our Esteemed Friend Anna Macomber, attended this Meeting with a minute of concurance from Westport Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 Mo. 19th 1848 expressive of her being a minister in unity with them, her company, and gospel labours, have been acceptable to us.

Our Esteemed Friend Abigail M. Hansom, attended this Meeting with a minute of concurance from Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends, held, 8 Mo. 22nd 1848 expressive of her being a minister in unity with them, her company, and gospel labours, have been acceptabl to us.

Our beloved friend Barbary Gifford, attended this Meeting (as companion to our friend Anna Macomber, with a minute of concurance from Westport Monthly Meeting, held, 10 Mo. 19th 1848 expressive of her being an Elder, in unity with them. her company, has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Timothy Hansom, attended this Meeting (as companion to his wife Abigail M. Hansom), with a minute of concurance from Dover Monthly Meeting, held, 9 Mo. 27th 1848 expressive of his being an Elder in unity with them. his company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk, is directed to furnish our friends now in attendance with certificates, with copies of minutes. made on their account, and sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

The committee appointed to settle the Treasurers account, and for other purposes, made the following report, viz. To Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends,

We the Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers account, have attended to our appointment and find

a ballance in his hands of Twelve Dollars & 64 cents.
We propose Abner Slade, for Treasurer, the ensuing year.

Lilly Gifford
Obadiah Chace } Committee

Swansey 10 Mo. 14th 1848

which is accepted, and Abner Slade, is hereby appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

Moses Buffinton, and Barzillia Buffinton, are appointed a committee, to make the nescessary provission for our approaching Quarterly Meeting and report the expence thereof to our next Meeting.

Our beloved friend Jacob H. Vining, informed this meeting that he had removed, with his wife Lucy W. and their daughter Alice Anna, to reside within the limets of Sandwich Monthly Meeting of friends. Mass and requests our certificate; — Whereupon we appoint Richard Mitchell, and Edmund Chace, a committee, to unite with a committee of our womens meeting to prepare an essay of a certificate on their behalf and presen the same to our next meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford } Cler

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 11 Mo. 27th 1848 Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings theirs representatives are for Swansey Oliver Earle & Daniel Chace. Freetown Jervis Shove & David Shove. Fall River William Chace & Ellis Gifford all present.

The representatives appointed to attend our late Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attende

The Committee to make provision for our late Quarterly Meeting made the following report. viz.

We the Committee appointed to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting have attended to our appointment and the expence is nine dollars

Barzillai Buffinton
Moses Buffinton } Comee

Swansey 11 Mo. 27th 1848

Which is satisfactory. by which it appears the expence thereof is nine Dollars. which sum our Treasurer is directed to pay and call on the Quarterly Meetings for the same.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Essay of a Certificate on behalf of Jacob H Vining and family. not being ready to report at this time. are continued. and desired to report to our next meeting.

Received the following extract from the minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting viz.
At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset 11 Mo. 2nd 1848
It was concluded to raise seven hundred dollars for the use of the meeting this year. and the Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to Welcome Congdon. our Treasurer
Swansey Monthly Meetings proportion is $84„=12 per cent
David Buffum } Clerk
By which it appears that our proportion of that Meetings Stock is Eighty four Dollars. which sum our Treasurer is directed to pay as therein requested.

The time having expired for which the committee were appointed to have the care of Funerals, it is concluded to reappoint the following friends to that service for the year ensueing viz Jervis Shove. Thomas S. Gifford. Joseph Shove Abner Slade. Simpson Buffinton. Joseph C. Anthony. Asa Shove. Annas A. Lincoln. & Obadiah Chace. with the addition of Azariah Shove. appointed thereto at this time
Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 12 Mo. 25th 1848 — Accounts being preasent from our several Preparative Meetings their representatives are for Swansey Moses Buffinton & Hiram Buffinton Freetown Asa Shove. & Nathan Chace. Fall River Joseph C. Anthony & Joseph Estes. all present.

The Committee appointed to prepare an essay of a removal certificate on behalf of Jacob H Vining and family directed to Sandwich Monthly Meeting (Mass) presented one which being approved the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf and forward it agreable to direction, when due record has been made thereof.

Received from New York Monthly Meeting the following information concerning Jared Macey — viz: At the Monthly Meeting of Friends held in New York 1st of 11 Mo. 1848 — the Preparative Meeting of New York informed that Jared Macey neglects the attendance of our religious Meetings, and attends those of another society: his residen being at Fall River. Mass within the limits of Swansey Monthly Meeting. the Clerk was directed to forward a copy of this Minute to that Meeting with a request that they will treat with him in relation to this charge: on our behalfe. —

Taken from the Minutes

Wm Wood } Clerk

Mahlon Day } Correspondent

Whereupon we appoint Thomas S. Gifford & Joseph Este a Committee to labour with him on those accounts and report the state of his mind to our next meeting

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 1st Mo. 29th 1849 — Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings their representatives are for Swansey Abner Slade. & Joseph Shove. Freetown, David Shove, & Nathan Chace, Fall River William Chace. & Joseph Estes. all present.

Our Esteemed Friend David Dudley, attended this meeting with a minute of concurance from St. Albans Monthly Meeting State of Maine. held 10th Mo. 24th 1848 Endorced by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting held 11th Mo. 8th 1848. Expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them. and of their unity with him in his present religious engagements. his company and Gospe labours have been satisfactory and strengthing to u

Our Esteemed friend Joseph Fairbrother attended th Meeting as companion to our friend David Dudley with a minute of concurance from St Albans Monthly Meeti State of Maine held 12 mo. 26 1848 – Expressive of his being a member in unity with them. his company has been acceptable to us. And the Clerk is directed to furnish our friends David Dudley and Joseph Fairbrother, with copies of Minutes made on their behalf.

The Queries have been read in this meeting. accompanied by Answers from our several Preparative Meetings. to the 1st 2nd and 10th. from which a Summary has been compiled. which the clerk is directed to forward to our ensueing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute by Barzillia Buffinton. Edmund Chace. and David Shove. whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee in the case of Jared Macey made the following report. viz —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

We the committee appointed ~~last~~ month in the case of a complaint from New York Monthly Meeting against Jared Macey. report. that in accordance with our appointment we have visited the individual and endeavoured to ascertain his position relative to the Society of Friends, and we are united in the oppinion that he is not in anywise disposed to make Friends satisfaction, which we submit to the meeting

Thomas S. Gifford }
Joseph Estes } Comee

Fall River 1st mo. 29th 1849

Which is accepted, and the Clerk is directed to furnish New York Monthly Meeting with the doings of this Meeting. in the case.

Fall River Preparative Meeting informe by receipt that they have paid to our Treasurer their proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered 5 Mo. last. our Treasurer informed that Swansey and Freetown Preparative Meetings have also paid their proportion of the same sum.

It is concluded to raise One Hundred Dollars. to suply our Treasury. and the representatives now in attendance are requested to informe our several Preparative Meetings thereof, who are desired to collect their respective proportions of the above sum and pay the same to our Treasurer.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held i
Fall River 2 Mo. 26th 1849 —— Accounts being presen
from our several Preparative Meetings the representatives are for Swansey, Obadiah Chace, & Moses Buff -ton, Freetown, Asa Shove & Theophilus Shove, Fall Riv Asa Sherman & Richard Mitchell, all present.

The time having expired for which our recorder of Births, Deaths, Burials & Marriage Certificates was appointed, it is concluded to reapoint Abner Slade t those services respectively.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting, informed that they all attended.

The friend appointed in 10th Mo. last to informe Charles Anthony of his disownment, reported tha soon after his appointment, information was received of the decease of that individual.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 3 Mo. 26th 1849 —— Accounts being present from our several Preparative meetings the representatives are for Swansey Lilly Gifford and Daniel Chace, Freetown, David Shove, and Theophilus Shove, Fall River Job Chace, and Ellis Gifford, all present.

Thomas S. Gifford Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held i
Fall River 4 Mo. 30th 1849 —— Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings, their representatives are for Swansey Obadiah Chace and Abner Slade, Freetown Jervis Shove, and Nathan Chace, Fall River Henry Slade, and Azariah Shove all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, succeeded by Answers from our several Preparative Meetings, from which a summary has bee compiled, and the Clerk is directed to forward the sam to our ensueing quarterly Meeting, with a copy of thi minute, and any other necessary extracts from our minutes, for the information of that Meeting by our friends Edmund Chace. Theophilus Shove 2nd and Barzillia Buffinton whome we appoint our representatives.

Our Treasurer informes of having paid to the Treasurer of the quarterly Meeting our proportion of that Meeting, Stock.

Received from Nine Partners monthly Meeting of Friends, (State of N.Y.) the following information, concerning Isaac Lawton, viz:

"To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

This may informe that the case of Isaac Lawton, has been attended to, agreably to your request, according to our discipline. After taking the necessary care in his case, he did not appear disposed to make friends satisfaction, he was therefore disowned from being any longer a member of our Society. We are your friends

Signed by direction of Nine Partners monthly Meeting, held 2 Mo. 15th 1849

Nathan Swift } Clerk
Isaac Thorne } Correspondent,"

which is accepted and approved, and the action of that meeting, in the case of Isaac Lawton is hereby confirmed, having the concurance of our womens meeting herein and the Clerk is directed to furnish that monthly meeting with an extract of this minute.

Thomas S. Gifford } Cler

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 5 Mo. 28th 1849 — Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings, their representatives are for Swansey, Sampson Buffinto & Eber Chace. Freetown, Jervis Shove & Theophilus Shove, Fall River, Joseph C. Anthony & William Chace all present except one.

The Representatives appointed to attend, our last Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended.

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in the disownment of Sarah C. Davis from her ight of membership with us.

Received from New York Monthly Meeting of Friend the following Minute of Denial against Jared Macy viz.

At the monthly Meeting of Friends held in New York 4 Mo. 4th 1849 — A Minute of disownment in relation to Jared Macy was presented and approved, it is as follows —

Jared Macy has for a long time neglected the attendence of our religious Meetings and attended those of another Society; for which he has been visited on our behalfe by a committee of Swansey Monthly Meeting in the limits of which he now resides. by a report from that Meeting it appears that further labor in his case would be unavailing — We therefore disown him from membership in our religious Society.

The Clerk was directed to forward a copy of it to Swansey Monthly Meeting, with a request that it be shown to him, and that he be informed of his right to appeal.

Taken from the Minutes

Mahlon Day } Correspondent   William Wood } Clerk

which is accepted and the Clerk of the meeting is desired to attend to the requests of that Meeting in the case.

We conclude to reapoint the following friend to constitute a committee on removal Certificates viz. Abna Slade, Moses Buffinton, Davi Shove, Jervis Shove, and Thomas S. Gifford, with the addition of Ellis Gifford appointed at this time.

Our Treasurer informed that Fall River Preparative Meeting, has paid its proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered 1st Mo. last.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 mo. 25th 1849 — Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings — the representatives are for Swansey Obadiah Chac and Moses Buffinton, Freetown, David Shove and Nathan Chace, Fall River Benjamin Shove and Henry Slade, all present.

Our Esteemed friend Cornelius Douglas, attended this Meeting with a Certificate of concurance from Springfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Clinton County Ohio 1st Mo. 20th 1849 Endorced by Centre Quarterly Meeting held 2 Mo. 3rd 1849 Expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them, and of their unity with him in his present religious engagements, his company and gospel labours have been to our satisfaction and encouragement.

Our esteemed friend Zebulon Weaver, attended this Meeting with a Minute of concurrance from Smyrna Monthly Meeting of friends. State of New York held 5 Mo. 9th 1849 expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them and of their unity with him in his present religious engagements, his company and gospel labours have been to our satisfaction and encouragement.

Our esteemed friend Enos Pray attended this Meeting with a Certificate of concurance from WestBranch Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Miame County, Ohio, 2 Mo. 15th 1849 Endorced by Westbranch Quarterly Meeting held 2 Mo. 17th 1849 expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them and of their unity with him in his present religious engagements, his company and gospel labours have been to our satisfaction and encouragment.

Our esteemed friend Isaac Jay, attended this Meeting as companion to our friend Enos Pray, with a Minute of concurrance from Millcreek Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Miame County Ohio, 4 Mo. 17th 1849. expressive of his being a Member in unity with them his company has been truely acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Martha J. Hodges, attended this Meeting with a Minute of concurrance, from China Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 Mo. 15th 1849 expressive of her being a Minister in unity with them and of their unity with her in her present religious engagements, her company and gospel labours have been to our satisfaction and encouragment.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends, now in attendance of this Meeting, with the copies of Minutes made on their account, and signe the same on our behalf.

Received at this time Seventy five copies of the Printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which are entrusted to the representatives now in attendance, for distrabution amo our Members   Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends hel in Somerset 7 Mo. 30th 1849. Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings their representatives are for Swansey Oliver Earle and Lilly Gifford Freetown Theophilus Shove 2nd and Asa Shove Fall River Richard Mitchell and William Chace, all present

The Queries have been read in this Meeting, with Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th fro each of our preparative Meetings, from which summary answers have been compiled, which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute, by William Chace, David Shove and Obadiah Chace whom we appoint our representatives.

We appoint Abner Slade, Jervis Shove, Lilly Gifford, Richard Mitchell, Thos. S. Gifford and Theophilus Shove 2nd a Committee to confer with suitable friends to serve this meeting in the capcity of Overseers, and report the same to our next Meeting, and the above committee are also desired to report to our next Meeting the names of suitable friends to serve this Meeting as overseers of the Poor.

Our Treasurer informed that Swansey Preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered 1st Mo. last

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a removal Certificate in favour of Ruth C Vinen directed to St Albans Monthly Meeting of Friends a as prepared by our Womens Meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 8 mo. 27th 1849 — Accounts being present from our several Preparative meetings, the representatives are for Swansey: Simpson Buffinton, and Barzilia Buffinton, Freetown Jervis Shove, and Nathan Chace, Fall River Benjamin Shove, and Joseph Estes, all present.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended.

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting in the case of Overseers made the following report viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

The Committee appointed to confer with some suitable Friend to serve as Overseers, have concluded to propose to the Meeting, Oliver Earle and Simpson Buffinton, for Swansey, Theophilus Shove, and David Shove, for Freetown, Edmund Chace, and Joseph Estes for Fall River.

They also propose the following friends as Overseers of the Poor, viz William Chace Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade, Moses Buffinton, Asa Shove and Annis A. Lincoln.

Jervis Shove } On behalf of the
Fall River 8 Mo. 27th 1849 Thos S. Gifford } Committee

Which is accepted, and the friends therein named are appointed to those services respectively, for the ensuing year, having the concurrence of our womens Meeting herein.

Received at this time from our late Quarterly Meeting a Report from the Committee, having charge of our Yearly Meeting Boarding School, which being read is satisfactory to us, and we appoint Ellis Gifford, Moses Buffinton David Shove, Barzillia Buffinton, Jervis Shove, and Thomas S. Gifford, to constitute our School Committee, for the ensuing year, to act therein on our behalf as way may open for.

We have received at this time a number of copies of the general Printed Epistle, from the Yearly Meeting of London, one of which has been read and is satisfactory to us, and they are directed t be distributed among our members by the represe -tatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford {Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 9 Mo. 24th 1849 — Accounts being present from our several Preparative Meetings the representatives are for Swansey Eber Chace and Simpson Buffinton. Freetown Theophilus Shove and David Shove. Fall River Henry Slade and Samuel Gifford, all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerk and Assistant, of this meeting, were appointed - David Shove on behalf of the representatives, inform -ed that they were united in proposing the re-appointment of Thomas S. Gifford as Clerk and Asa Shove Assistant; which being united with by the meeting, they are appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

This meeting is informed that Charles O. Shove reque -sts a certificate from us that will enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Hartland Monthly Meeting State of New York whereupon we appoint Azariah Shove, and Richard Mitchell, a Committee to prepare an essay of one and present the same to our next meeting, if nothing appears to obstruct.

Our Esteemed Friend Mary Shove, opened in this mee -ting, a prospect which accompanied her mind of attending the Monthly meeting of Dartmouth, and of accompanying our friend Anna D. Wing, in visiti the families of that Monthly Meeting, and if way should open for it, to visit a part of the families of New Bedford, Monthly Meeting, which being duly considered, is united with and she left at liberty to proceed therein.

Our Treasurer informed that Freetown Preparative Meetin has paid its proportion of this Meetings Stock, ordered 1st Mo. Last

The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of our Womens meeting in furnishing our friend Mary Shove, with the copy of a minute on her behalf, as prepared by that Meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10th Mo. 29th 1849 Accounts are received from our several Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are for Swansey Oliver Earle, and Abner Slade, Freetown Theophilus Shove 2nd and Asa Shove. Fall River William Chace and Richard Mitchell. all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, from which a summary has been compiled, which we forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, together with a copy of this minute, by our friends Lilly Gifford, Richard Mitchell, and Asa Shove, whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting for that purpose, presented an Essay of a Marriage Certificate in favour of Charles O. Shove, proceeding in marriage with a member of Hartland Monthly Meeting of Friends State of N.Y.— which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf.

We appoint Moses Buffinton and Simpson Buffinton a Committee to make the nescessary provision for the accomodation of our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, and report the expence thereof to our next Meeting.

This meeting is united in appointing David Shove, to the Station of an Elder, having the concurran of our womens Meeting herein, and the Clerk is directed to furnish our ensuing Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute, for its disposal in the case.

The time having expired for which our Treasurer was appointed, we appoint Joseph Shove and Lilly Gifford, a committe to audit and settle the Treasurers account, propose the name of some friend to serve this meeting as Treasurer and report thereon to our next Meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 11 Mo. 26th 1849— Accounts are received from our several Preparative Meetings, and their representati are for Swansey Barzillai Buffinton and Obadiah Chace Freetown Jervis Shove and Nathan Chace. Fall Rive Henry Slade and Edmund Chace, all present.

Our Beloved Friend Samuel Gifford attended this meeting with a minute of concurance from Sandwich Monthly Meeting— Expressive of his being a minister in unity with them and of their unity with him in his present religious engagements, his company and gospel labours, have been acceptable to us.

Our Beloved Friend Timothy Hanson attended this Meeting as companion to his wife Abigail M. Hanson, with a minute from Dover Monthly Meeting. Expressive of his being an Elder in unity wit them, his company has been acceptable to us

The representatives appointed to attend our late Quarterly Meeting, informed that they all attended.

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to audit and settle the Treasurers Account and for other purposes Mad the following report viz— To Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends. Dear friends. We your Committee appointed to examin and settle the Treasurers account and for other purposes, report, that we have attende to our appointment, and find a ballance in his hands of Eleven and $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars. and we propose the name of Abner Slade for Treasurer.

Lilly Gifford } Committe
Joseph Shove }
Swansey 11 Mo 10th 1849

which is satisfactory to us and Abner Slade is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the year ensuing.

Our Beloved Friend Abigail M. Hanson. attended th meeting with a minute of concurance from Dover Monthly Meeting, Expressive of her being a minister in unity with them, and of their unity wit her in her present religious engagements, her company and gospel labours, have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends Lemuel Gifford and Timothy Hanson, with copies of minutes made on their behalf, as it relates to each nd to unite with the Clerk of our womens meeting in furnishing our friend Abigail M. Hanson with a copy of the minute made on her account.

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting, viz — "At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 mo. 1st 1849. It was concluded to raise Six Hundred Dollars for the use of this meeting this year, and the Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions, of this sum to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer, Swansey Monthly Meetings proportion is Seventy two Dollars 12 per cent

Gilbert Congdon} Clerk

which is satisfactory and our Treasurer is directed to pay the sum therein called for, to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting, as our proportion of that Meetings stock.

It is the conclusion of this Meeting to raise the sum of One Hundred Dollars to suply our Treasury, and the representatives now in attendance are desired to informe our several preparative Meetings thereof, who are requested to collect their respective proportions of the above sum, and pay the same to our Treasurer.

The time having expired for which the committe were appointed to have the care of Funerals, it is concluded to continue the committee now under appointment, to that servise for the ensueing year viz Jarvis Shove, Thomas S. Gifford, Joseph Shove, Abner Slade, Simpson Buffinton Joseph C. Anthony, Asa Shove, Amos A. Lincoln, Obadiah Chace and Azariah Shove.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to make provision for our last Quarterly meeting, reported the expence thereof to be nine Dollars, which being satisfactory, our Treasurer is directed to pay the same, and call on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for that amount

Thomas S. Gifford} Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 12 Mo. 31st 1849 – Accounts are received from our several Preparative Meetings and the representatives are for Swansey Moses Buffinton and Lilly Gifford. Freetown Asa Shove, and Theophilu Shove, 2nd. Fall River Asa Sherman, and Thomas S. Gifford all present.

Our beloved Friend Mary Shove returned at thi time the minute granted her in the 9 Mo. last, accompanied by a returning Minute from the monthly Meeting of Dartmouth, expressive of her acceptable attendance of that Meeting, and that her religious servises therein were satisfactory, as was also her visit to the families of that Monthly Meeting. She also informed us that she had attended to her prospect, as far as way had opened to the satisfaction of her own Mind, all of which is satisfactory to us.

The Subject of effecting Insurance on Friends Meetinghouse in Fall River claiming the attention of this Meeting, We appoint Azariah Shove, Ellis Gifford, and David Shove, a committee, to take the subject into carefull deliberation, and report their judgment hereon to our next meeting, as to the amount, at what rates the risk would be taken, and at what Office, provided they shall deem it expediant to proceed herein.

Thomas S. Gifford; Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 1 Mo. 28th 1850. Accounts are received from our several Preparative Meetings and the representatives are fo Swansey Abner Slade, and Daniel Chace. Freetown David Shove, and Theophilus Shove. Fall River Joseph C. Anthon and Joseph Estes, all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the 1st 2nd and 10th succeded by Answers from each of our Preparative Meetings, from which summary Answers have been compiled, which are directed to be forwarded to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting together wit a copy of this minute by Edmund Chace, Jervis Shove and Abner Slade, whom we appoint our representatives

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting made the following report relative to efecting Insurance on Friends Meeting house in Fall River viz

"To Swansey Monthly Meeting

Your Committee appointed at last Meeting to ascertain on what terms Friends Meeting house in Fall River can be insured, have attended to the matter and find, that Insurance can be effected on the same at the Bristol County Mutual Office, for two Thousand Dollars. at ten per cent. premeum Note $200. — 5 per cent on said note paid in advance and expence of Policy making Eleven Dollars — subject to assesments as losses occur for seven years — From enquires of other Offices both Mutual & Stock we find nothing that offers any advantages in our opinion over the one named, and we think well of Insuring in the above named Office for two Thousand Dollars.

Azariah Shove
Ellis Gifford } Committee

Fall River 1 Mo. 28th 1850"

Which being read, is accepted, and approved, and this Meeting hereby directs that our Overseers agreably to the forgoing report effect Insurance on said Meeting house in Fall River to the amount of Two Thousand Dollars at the Bristol County Mutual Insurance Office our Overseers are also directed to Effect Insurance on Friends Meeting house and sheds in Somerset. to such an amount, as in their Judgment may appear to be expediant, and report to this Meeting the expence thereof (as it relates to each) when accomplished

Our Treasurer informes that Fall River Preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of this meetings Stock ordered 11 mo. last.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2d Mo. 25th 1850 — Accounts are received from our several Preparative Meetings and the representatives are for Swansey. Simpson Buffinton, and Barzillia Buffinton, Freetown, Jervis Shove, and Nathan Chace, Fall River. Samuel Gifford, and William Chace. who are all present.

Our Beloved Friend Lindly Murrey Hoag attended this Meeting with a Minute of concurance from Sandwick Monthly Meeting of Friends (State of New Hampshair) endorced by Dover Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity with him in his Ministr and present religious engagements, his company and Gospel Labours, have been very acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting, informe that they all attended
Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 3 Mo. 25th 1850 — Accounts are received from our several Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are for Swansey, Lilly Gifford & Obadiah Chace. Freetown Annes A Lincoln, & David Shove Fall River Ellis Gifford & Joseph Estes, all present except one.

Recd. from our Overseers the following information relative to Benjamin S. Earle. viz.
"To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Benjamin S. Earle has proceeded in marriage with one not a member of our religious society, which we submit to the monthly Meeting.

Simpson Buffinton
David Shove } Overseers

Swansey 3 Mo. 25th 1850"

whereupon we appoint Eber Chace & Daniel Chace a Committee to Labour with him on that account and report the state of his mind to our next Meeting

Our overseers inform that Insurance has been effected on Friends Meeting house in Fall River to the amount of Two Thousand Dollars at the Bristo County Mutual Insuarance office, and the expence the--of is Ten Dollars, which our Treasurer is directe to pay, and this Meeting hereby directs that sai Policy of Insurance, be left in the care of Abner St the Treasurer of this meeting

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4 Mo. 29th 1850 — Accounts are received from our Several Preparative Meetings and the representatives are for Swansey Abner Slade, & Joseph Shove, Freetown Jervis Shove & Theophilus Shove Fall River Richard Mitchell & Thomas S. Gifford. all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from each of our Preparative meetings, from which a summary has been compiled which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensueing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this Minute, and any other nesessary extracts from our minutes for the information of that Meeting by our friends Lilly Gifford. Abner Slade Thomas S. Gifford and Jervis Shove whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee in the case of Benjamin S. Earle, not being ready to report are continued, and they are desired to report to our next Meeting.

Received from our overseers the following information relative to Charles B. Chace viz — To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Charles B. Chace has so disregarded the good order and discipline of our society as almost entirely to neglect the attendance of our meetings and associated himself with another denomination, for which deviations he has been visited and laboured with. but without any satisfactory result — we therefore submit the case to the meeting

Fall River 4 Mo 29th 1850 } Edmund Chace
Joseph Estes } overseers

which is accepted, whereupon we appoint Richard Mitchell, and Azariah Shove, a Committe to labour with him on those accounts and report the state of his mind to our next meeting.

Our Treasurer informed that he had paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting, our proportion of that meetings Stock

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Monthly of Friends held in Somerset 5 Mo 27th 1850 — Accounts are received from our several Preparative Meetings. and the representatives are for Swansey Barzillia Buffinton & Simpson Buffinton Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove 2nd. Fall River Asa Sherman & Azariah Shove. who are present

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended.

The Committee in the case of Benjamin S. Earle made the following report — viz To Swansey monthly Meeting of Friends. to be held 5 Mo. 27th 1850 ——

We your Committee in the case of Benjamin S. Earle - have had several oppertunities with him he appears to us in some good degree desireous to make friends sati-faction. which we submit to the meeting

Eber Chase } Committee
Daniel Chace

Accompanied by the following acknowledgment from him viz — Dear Friends - I have so far disregarded Friends rules as to proceed in marriage with one not a member of your society. which practi I condemn. & wish friends might pass by my offence

Swansey 5 mo 27th 1850 Benjamin S. Earle }

which being read and considered are accepted. and he is hereby reinstated to unity with us, having the concurrance of our womens meeting herein, and Lilly Gifford is appointed to inform him of the conclusion of this meeting in his case

The Committee in the case of Charles B. Chace not being ready to make a full Report, are continued, and they are desired to report to our next meetin

This meeting is informed that Francis H. Perry has removed to reside within the limits of Providence Monthly Meeting and requests our Certificate, whereupon we appoint Thos. S. Giffor and Joseph C. Anthony a Committee to prepare an Essay of one, and present the same to our next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct.

Our Treasurer informs that Swa-sey & Freetown Preparative meetings have paid their proportion of this meetings Stock ordered 11 mo. last

Thomas S. Gifford } Cle

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 Mo. 24th 1850 — Accounts are received from our several Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are for Swansey Eber Chace & Simpson Buffinton, Freetown Nathan Chace & Asa Shove. Fall River William Chace & Edmund Chace, who are all present.

The Committee in the Case of Charles B. Chace, not being ready to report, are continued, and they are desired to report to our next meeting.

The Committee to prepare an essay of a removal certificate in favour of Francis H Perry, presented one which being approved by this and our womens meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, and forward it to the place directed, after the same has been recorded.

Our Beloved Friend Rachel W. Jones attended this Meeting with a minute of concurance from China Monthly Meeting of Friends, expressing their unity with her in her ministry and present religious engagments, her company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of our womens meeting in furnishing her with a copy of this minute.

Our Beloved Friend Stephen Jones Jr attended this Meeting as companion to his wife Rachel W. Jones, with a minute of concurance from China Monthly Meeting, expressive of his being an Elder in unity with them, his company and sollid deportment have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

It is concluded to raise the sum of Two Hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury, and we appoint Moses Buffinton, Abner Slade, Joseph Shove Nathan Chace. Asa Shove, Henry Slade & Samuel Gifford a Committe to collect in our several Preparative Meetings their usual proportions of the above sum & pay it in to our Treasurer and report

Thomas S. Gifford Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 7 Mo. 29th 1850 — Accounts are received from our several Preparative meetings, and the representatives are from Swansey Obadiah Chace, & Abner Slade, Freetown Jervis Shove & Theophilus Shove, Fall River Joseph C. Anthony, & Richard Mitchell who are all present

The Committee in the case of Charles B. Chace, made the following report viz. To Swansey Monthly Meeting

We your Committee in the case of Charles B. Chace, repo that we have had an oppertunity with him, and altho ugh he appears to retain quite a respect for Friends, there is in our judgment little or no prospect of his making that satisfaction, which the Discipline require which we submit to the Monthly Meeting.

Fall River 7 Mo. 29th 1850 Richard Mitchell } Committee
Azariah Shove }

which is accepted and the further concideration of the subject is refered to our next meeting.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, from which summary Answers have been compiled, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensueing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute by Lilly Gifford, Henry Slade, and Jervis Shove, whom we appoint our representatives.

We appoint Abner Slade, Ellis Gifford, Jervis Shove, Obadiah Chace, and Azariah Shove a Committee to confer with suitable friends to serve this meeting in the capasity of overseers, for the year ensueing and report the same to our next meeting, the above Committe are also desired to report to our next meeting the names of Friends for overseers of the Poor.

Received at this time a number of copies of the Printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which are directed to be distributed among our members, by the representative now in attendance

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 8 Mo. 26th 1850 – Accounts are received from our several Preparative Meetings and the representative are from Swansey, Barzillia Buffinton, & Daniel Chace, Freetown, Theophilus Shove, & Nathan Chace, Fall River Samuel Gifford, & Azariah Shove, who are all present.

The case of Charles B. Chace, which was refered at our meeting, being now concidered, it is our concl -sion to deny him his right of membership in our religious society, having the concurance of our womens Meeting herein, and William Chace is appointed to informe him of the doings of this Meeting in his case.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended except one; for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered.

The Committee in the case of overseers & overseers of the Poor, made the following report — viz —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed last month to propose to this Meeting the names of suitable Friends to serve the meeting the ensuing year in the capacity of Overseers and Overseers of the Poor; report the names of Oliver Earle Lilly Gifford, Theophilus Shove David Shove Edmund Chace and Joseph Estes for overseers — and Abner Slade, Moses Buffinton, Asa Shove, Jervis Shove, Thomas S. Gifford, and William Chace, for overseers of the Poor, which we submit to the Meeting.

Fall River 8 mo. 26th 1850

Azariah Shove } on behalf of the Committee

Which is accepted, and the friends therein named viz Oliver Earle Lilly Gifford, Theophilus Shove, David Shove, Edmund Chace, and Joseph Estes, being approved for that service they are appointed Overseers of this Meeting for the year ensueing, our womens Meeting concuring herin.

The above committe also report the names of Abner Slade, Moses Buffinton, Asa Shove, Jervis Shove, Thomas S. Gifford and William Chace, for overseers of the Poor, which being approved they are apointed accordingly to that service, for the year ensueing.

Received at this time a report from the Committee having charge of our Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence, which being read is satisfactory and we appoint, Ellis Gifford, Abner Slade, Obadiah Chace, Asa Shove, Nathan Chace, and Thomas S. Gifford to constitute our school committee, for the year ensueing, to act therein on our behalfe.

Received at this time, a number of copies of the Printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London for 1849, one of which being read is satisfactory; and they are directed to be distributed among our members by the representatives now present.

We are informed that Henry Slade, a member of this Meeting, has conveyed to this Monthly Meeting a certain peice of Land, for a Burying Ground for Friends, as described in said Deed, whereupon we appoint Edmund Chace, Abner Slade, Jervis Shove, Richard Mitchell, Anthony Chace, Azariah Shove, Ellis Gifford, and Thomas S. Gifford, a Committee to take the subject into careful consideration, and report to our next meeting, their judgment relative to the propriety of this Meeting accepting the same.

Our Treasurer informs that our several Preparative Meetings have paid their respective proportions of the sum ordered to be raised in the 6 mo. last — and the Committee appointed to raise the same, are hereby discharged.

Thomas S. Gifford Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 9 mo. 30th 1850 — Accounts are received from our several Preparative Meetings and the representatives are for Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Moses Buffinton. Freetown, Jervis Shove, & Asa Shove Fall River Asa Sherman & Wm Chace. who are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this Meeting were appointed, Jervis Shove on behalf of the representatives informed that they were united in proposing the appointment of Thomas S. Gifford for Clerk and Asa Shove, for Assistant, which being approved, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Our Beloved Friend Nathan Douglas attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrance from Durham Monthly Meeting, expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them his company and Gospel Labours have been acceptable to us.

Our Beloved Friend Phebe R. Gifford attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrance from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, expressive of her being a Minister in unity with them her Company and Gospel Labours have been acceptable to us.

our Beloved Friend Isaac R. Gifford attended this Meeting as companion to his wife Phebe R. Gifford with a minute of concurance from Dartmouth Monthly Meetin expressive of his being an Elder in good esteem with them. his company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends Natha Douglas. & Isaac R Gifford, with copies of Minutes made on their behalf, we also direct him to unite with the Clerk of our womens Meeting in furnishing our friend Phebe R Gifford with a copy of the minute made on her account.

Received from our overseers the following information respecting Lloyd G. Buffinton viz —

"To the Monthly Meeting of Swansey

Dear Friends

Lloyd G. Buffinton has so far disregarded friends, rule as to keep company and Marry one not of our society. and is the father of a child too soon after Marriage.

Oliver Earle } overseers
Lilly Gifford }

Swansey 9 Mo. 30th 1850

which is accepted. whereupon we appoint Thomas J. Gifford. David Shove and Obadiah Chace a committe to labour with him on those accounts and report the state of his mind to our next Meeting.

William Chace reported having informed Charles B. Chace of his disownment by this Meeting.

The Committee in the case of this meeting accepting a Lot of Land from our friend Henry Slade to be used as a burying ground for Friends. not being ready to make a full report at this time, are continued and they are desired to report to our next meeting.

Recd. from our Meeting for Sufferings the following extract viz —

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Windham 4th of 9 Mo. 1850 — The Committee to have the care of Printing the Memorials of deceased Friends pursuant to a minute of our last Yearly Meeting report; That they have caused two thousand copies thereof to be printed. and that they are now ready for delivery at the cost viz six cents per. copy; and it being believed that usefulness would result from a general circulation thereof it is the conclusion of this Meeting that our Monthly Meetings be encouraged to adopt such Measures as may be deemed advisable, for obtaining and distributing them.

Extracted from the Minutes

Samuel Boyce} Clerk

which is satisfactory, and the Clerk informed that he had received Sixty Copies, of Said Memorials and that friends can now be supplied with them at cos viz: Six cents each.

This Meeting unites with our womens Meeting, in receiving a removal Certificate in favou of Rachel E Shove, from Hartland Monthly Me-ting, of Friends State of New York.

Thomas S. Gifford} Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10 Mo. 28th 1850 — Accounts are received fro our several Preparative Meetings, and the representati are for Swansey Lilly Gifford & Obadiah Chace Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove 2nd Fall River Edmun Chace & Benjamin Shove. who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative meetings, from which Summary Answers have been compiled. which we forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute by our friends William Chace, David Shove, and Moses Buffinton whome we appoint our representatives.

The Committee in the case of Lloyd G. Buffinton inform of having paid some attention to the subject of their appointment, but are not ready to make a full report at this time, they are therefore continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

The Committee in the case of Hen Slades Bequest, not being ready to report, are continued and they are desired to report to our next Meeting.

Fall River Preparative Meeting in the account informe that Leonard Underwood, propose Publishing his intentions of Marriage with Parthenia

Buffinton at this time, accordingly we have received the following communication from them Viz ——

" To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

With Divine permition and Friends approbation we intend Marriage with each other

Leonard Underwood
Parthenia Buffinton

Fall River 10 Mo. 5th 1850 "

And they are desired to wait until our next Monthly Meeting for an Answer.

Received from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends a removal Certificate in favour of Charles H. Swift. which is refered to our Committee on Certificates.

We appoint Moses Buffinton Joseph Shove & Simpson Buffinton a Committee to make the nesessary provision for the accomodation of our insueing Quarterly Meeting and report the expence thereof to our next Meeting

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At **Swansey** Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 Mo. 25th 1850 —— Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are for Swansey Abner Slade and Eber Chace, Freetown Jervis Shove & Nathan Chace Fall River Joseph Estes & Wm Chace. who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended.

The Committee in the case of Lloyd G. Buffinton, made the following report. Viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

We the Committee in the case of Lloyd G. Buffinton, have given attention to our appointment, and report, that we do not find him in a State of mind to make friends satisfaction, which we submitt to the Monthly Meeting.

David Shove
Obadiah Chace } Committee
Thos. S. Gifford

Somerset 11 Mo 25th 1850

which is accepted and he is hereby denied his right of Membership with us, our Women Meetin concurring herein, and Simpson Buffinton is appoi-ted to informe him of the doings of this Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Henry Slade Bequest, having paid some attention to their appointment, but not being ready to make a full report are continued and they are desired to report to our next meeting.

Received from Sandwich Monthly Meeting th following Certificate in favour of Leonard Underwood proceeding in marriage with Parthenia Buffinton, viz —— To Swansey Mothly Meeting

Dear Friends

Leonard Underwood informed this meeting that he is about to proceed in Marriage with Parthenia Buffinton a Member of your meeting and requests a certificate, ——

This may certify on his behalf that he is a Member of this meeting, and clear of marriage engagements among us.

From Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Yarmouth 11 Mo. 1st 1850

David K. Akin } Clerks
Mary R. Wing }

Maltiah Gifford } Correspondent

which is satisfactory and nothing appearing to prevent their proceeding, they are left at liberty to accomplish their Marriage according to our rules, and Abner Slade & Thomas S. Gifford are appointed to attend the same and see that goo order is observed, take care that their Marriage certificate is recorded and report to our next Meeting.

Received the following extract from the Minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting relative to stock viz

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 Mo. 7th 1850 — It was concluded to rai Four Hundred Dollars for the use of this Meeting th year and the Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that su

to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer, Swansey Monthly meetings proportion is Forty Eight Dollars 12 per ct
$48,, 00

Taken from the minutes
Thos. S. Gifford } Assistant Clerk

by which it appears that our proportion of that Meetings stock is Forty Eight Dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

The removal certificate in favour of Charles H. Swift, refered at our last Meeting, being again concidered, is accepted and directed to be recorded.

The Committee to make provision for our last Quarterly Meeting made the following report viz To Swansey Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

We your Committee appointed to make provision for our late Quarterly Meeting, have attended to our appointment and found the expense Eight Dollars & fifty cents

Moses Buffinton
Simpson Buffinton } Committee
Joseph Shove

Somerset 11 mo. 25th 1850

wich is accepted and our Treasurer is directed to pay the amount therein named and call on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for the same.

This meeting concludes to raise One Hundred Dollars to supply our Treasurey, and the representatives now present are directed to informe our several preparative meetings thereof, who are desired to collect their respective proportions of that sum and pay it in to our Treasurer

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 12 mo. 30th 1850 — Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are for Swansey Obadiah Chace & Lilly Gifford, Freetown David Shove & Jervis Shove, Fall River Joseph C. Anthony & Samuel Gifford, who are present except one.

The Committee in the Case of Henry Slades Request not being ready to make a full report, are continu and desired to report to our next meeting.

The Committe to attend the marriage of Leonard Underwood, & Parthenia Buffinton, informe that it was orderly conducted, and their marria Certificat placed in the hands of the recorder —

The friend appointed at our last Meeting, to inform Lloyd G. Buffinton of his disownment, reported of having attended to that service

Received from New Bedford Monthly Meeting a Certified Copy of a removal Certificat on behal of John Russel, (the first having failed of coming to hand,) which having been previously cocidered by our Committee on Certificates, is accepted by this and our Womens Meeting and directed to be recorded.

Received from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends a removal Certificate on behalf of Jacob H Vining & family, which havin been approved by our Committee on certificates is accepted by this and our Womens Meeting and directed to be recorded.

The time having expired for which ou Treasurer was appointed — we appoint Obadiah Chace, Lilly Gifford a committe to audite and settle the Treasurers account, propose the nam of a friend to serve this meeting in that capasity, for the ensueing year and report to our next meeting.

The time for which our committee wa appointed to have the care of Funerals having expired, we appoint William Chace. Azariah Sho Abner Slade, Joseph Shove, Obadiah Chace Asa Shove, Simpson Buffinton Richard Mitchell David Shove and Jervis Shove, to constitute our committee to have the care of Funerals for the year ensueing.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 1 mo. 27th 1851 — Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Barzillia Buffinton Freetown, Nathan Chace, & Theophilus Shove 2nd Fall River William Chace, & Joseph Estes, who are present except one, whose absence was satisfactoraly accounted for.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers, to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, from which a summary has been compiled, which we forward to our ensueing Quarterly Meeting, together with a copy of this Minute by Edmund Chace, William Chace, Lilly Gifford and Theophilus Shove 2nd whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee in the case of Henry Slades Bequest, made the following report — viz —

“The Committee to whom was refered the subject upon the bequest of Henry Slade of a lot of Land in Somerset, to be used as a burial ground by Friends, have duly considered the same and are of the opinion that the same may be received — and they recommend that the lot be suitably and seperatly enclosed before it is used as a place of interment, which we submit to the meeting

Somerset 1 mo. 27th 1851

Edmund Chace
Azariah Shove
Richard Mitchell
Jervis Shove
Ellis Gifford
Thos. S. Gifford
Abner Slade

Committee

which being approve is accepted and the Clerk is desired to take the nescessary care that said Deed be recorded and preserved.

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in the reception of a removal certificate on behalf of Mary Ann Dillingham from Sandwich monthly meeting.

The Committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposses made the following report — viz —

We your committee appointed to settle with the Treasure have attended to our appointment and find that the Mee owes him three Dollars and two cents — There is deposited in the Fall River Institution for Savings One Hundre Thirty Dollars & $\underline{36}$ cents (say $130,,36) for the ~~use~~ of the Meeting. We propose the name of Abner Slade for Treasurer the ensuing year, all of which we submit to the Meeting.

Lilly Gifford } Committee
Somerset 1 Mo. 23d 1851 Obadiah Chace }

which is accepted and we accordingly appoint Abner Slade Treasurer of this Meeting for the year ensuing.

Our beloved friend Jacob H. Vining, opened in this Meeting, a prospect of attending, in the love of the Gospel the approaching Quarterly Meeting of Smithfield, which being considered is united wi and he left at liberty to proceed therein, being a Minister in unity with us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Received from our overseers the following complaint against John Russell — viz —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting
Dear Friends

John Russell has deviated so far from our discipline, as to marry one not in membership with us

Edmund Chace } overseers
Joseph Estes }

which is accepted, whereupon we appoint Jacob H. Vining & Richard Mitchell, a Committee to labour with him on that account, and report to our next meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2 Mo. 24th 1851 — Accounts are received from each of our [illegible] Preparative Meetings and the representatives, are from, Swansey Abne Slade & Moses Buffinton, Freetown David Shove & Jervis Shove, Fall River Benjamin Shove & Samuel Giffor, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended —

The Committee in the case of John Russell made the following report viz —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We have attended to our appointment with John Russell to a good degree of satisfaction, and believe him sinceer in his desire, and also find him desirous of supporting our chistinan testimonyes more faithfully

Richard Mitchell}
Jacob H Vining } Committee

2 mo. 24th 1851

accompanied by the following acknowledgmant from him viz To Swansey Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

Having departed from the good order of our Discipline relative to Marriage. I desire friends to pass it by and continue me under their care John Russell

Fall River 2 mo. 24th 1851.

which being approved we are united in restoring him to his right of Membership with us having the concurance of our womens Meeting hereins and Thomas S. Gifford is desired to informe him of the conclusions of this Meeting in his case.

Our Treasurer informed that Fall River Preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered 11 mo. last.

our beloved friend Jacob H. Vining returned at this time the minute granted him at our last Meeting to attend Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, and informed that he attended said Meeting to the peace and satisfaction of his mind, which is acceptable to us

Thomas S Gifford} Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 3 mo 31st 1851 — Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton, & Oliver Earle. Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove, Fall River Azariah Shove & Ellis Gifford. who are present.

Received at this time a returning Minute from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held 2 Mo. 13th 1851 on behalf of our friend Jacob H. Vining, certifying that he attended that Meeting, and his company and religious labours were acceptable to them, which is to our satisfaction.

We conclude to reapoint Lilly Gifford, Asa Shove and Thomas S. Gifford, a Committee to report to our Register, the Birth and Death of members of our Society in the several Preparative Meetings constituting this Meeting, not otherwise reported to him.

This Meeting unites with our womens Meeting in the disownment of Ruth Ann Weaver, of her right of membership with us.

We have united with our womens Meeting in furnishing our friend Susanna Earle with a removal Certificate directed to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of friends.

We appoint Obadiah Chace, Ellis Gifford, and David Shove, a Committee to take the necessary care in relation to our Reccords of Births, Deat and Burials, and also our Reccord of Removal Certificates, and report the expence thereof to our next Meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansea Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4 mo. 28th 1851 — Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the Representatives are Obadiah Chace, William Buffinton, Freeborn Jervis Shove & Asa Sh Fall River Asa Sherman, Joseph Estes, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers thereto from each of our Preparative Meetings, from which a Summary has been compiled, which with a copy of this Minute are directed to be forwarded to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, together with the necessary extracts from our minutes for the information of that meeting by Sumner Slade, Thomas S. Gifford, Nathan Chace and David Shove, whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting in relation to records not being ready to report are continued and desired to report to our next Meeting.

Received from our Overseers the following information concerning Daniel Chace 2nd Viz

To Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Daniel Chace, 2nd has so far deviated from the good order of our Discipline, as to keep company and marry one not a member.

Swanzey 4 Mo. 28th/1857
Oliver Earle } Overseers
Lillis Gifford }

which is accepted whereupon we appoint Ebel Chace and Abner Slade a committee to labour with him on that account and report the state of his mind towards to our next Meeting.

Our Treasurer informs of having paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our proportion of that Meeting's Stock.

Our Esteemed friend Mary Shove opened in this meeting a prospect which she had of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting of New York, which was united with and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as Truth may open the way, she being a Minister in unity with us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of our women's Meeting in furnishing her with a Minute embracing the substance of this.

This Meeting unites with our women's Meeting in the appointment of Ruth B. Buffinton to the station of an Elder.

Our Beloved friend David Shove, opened in this Meeting a prospect of accompanying his wife Mary Shove in her proposed religious visit to the Yearly Meeting of New York, which being united with, he is left at liberty to proceed herein, he being a member in unity with us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

We appoint Oliver Earle, Ellis Gifford, Asa Shove, Obadiah Chace, Edmund Chace Jun. Shove, and Abner Slade a Committee to examine our meeting houses in the several Preparative Meetings and report what repairs are needed

or alterations are necessary therein, when ready
Thomas S. Gifford Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 5 Mo. 26th 1851 Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings. and the representatives are for Swansey Obadiah Chace and Barzillia Buffinton Freetown Theophilus Shove & David Shove. Fall River. Samuel Gifford & William Chace. who are present except one.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended.
The committee appointed in relation to records not being ready to report at this time are continue and desired to report at our next Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Daniel Chace 2d made the following report viz ——
To the Monthly Meeting
We the Committee in the case of Daniel Chace 2nd report. that we have had an opportunity with him to a good degree of satisfaction — he appears desirous to be retained a member with friends
Eber Chace } Committee
5 mo. 26th 1851 Abner Slade }
which is accepted and refered to our next Meeting. for consideration

Our beloved friend Thomas S. Gifford informed this Meeting that he had a prospect of attending the ensueing Yearly Meeting of New York. as Companion to our friend Benjamin H. Jones. and if way should open for it. to attend some meetings within its limits. also to attend some Meetings within the limits of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting New England, which being united with, he is left at liberty to proceed herein, he being a member in unity with us. the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

Received at this time a Receipt in full of Four Dollars from the Treasurer of the Bristol County Mutual Fire Insurance Company - to the Overseers, and our Treasurer is directed to pay the same to them.

Our Treasurer informed this meeting that Swansey Preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of stock ordered in Eleventh Mo. last.

Asa Shove } Clerk for the day

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 Mo. 30th 1851. Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade & Darius Buffinton Freetown Jervis Shove & Nathan Chace Fall River Benjamin Shove & Edmund Chace who are present.

The Committee continued at our last meeting relative to records made the following report, viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed some time since in relation to records report that we have attended to our appointment and have caused the old Book for records of Births and Deaths to be rebound, and have procured a new Book for removal Certificates, and find the whole expence to be $2,, 25

Fall River 6 Mo. 30th 1851

On behalf of the Committee Ellis Gifford

which is satisfactory and our Treasurer is directed to pay them the amount therein named.

Our beloved friend Mary Shove returned at this time the minute granted her in 4 Mo. last to attend the Yearly Meeting of New York and informed, that she attended that meeting to the peace and satisfaction of her mind, she also presented a returning minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers, and Elders, held in New York, expressing that her company, and religious services, were acceptable to them, all of which is to our satisfaction.

Our beloved friend David Shove returned at this time the minute granted him in 4 mo. last to accompany his wife on her visit to the Yearly Meeting held in New York, with an Endorcement theron expressing his acceptable attendance of that meeting, which is satisfactory.

The case of Daniel Chace 2nd refered at our last m
-ting, being again concidered. it is concluded to restore
him to his right of membership with us having the
concurance of our womens meeting herein. and
Obadiah Chace, is appointed to informe him of the
doings of this Meeting in his case.

This Meeting unites with our womens
Meeting in the reception of a removal Certificat
from St, Albans mothly Meeting in favour of Sara
Haws.

The Committee appointed in 4 Mo. last o
the subject of repaires on our Meeting houses, mad
the following report, viz.

"To Swansey Monthly Meeting
The committe appointed in the 4 mo. last to exam
our Meeting houses, and report what repairs are nec
essary to be made, and estimate the expense for
said repairs, have attended to that duty. and sub-
-mit the following report.

The committee are of opinion that the floor of
the Meeting house in Somerset should be
leveled up, seated anew, and painted, at
an expence of five Hundred Dollars.

And we would recommend the building of a
new house at Freetown, the house there being
so much decayed as to render it of no value
to repair, the Committee believe a house 30-
feet by 24— and 12 feet Posts, or about that
size would accomodate that meeting the
estimated expence five hundred Dollars.

They also find that the house at Fall River
requires to be shingled anew at a cost of
Two Hundred Dollars

Estimated expence at Somerset 500.00
" " " Freetown 500.00
" " " Fall River 200.00
$1200.—

all of which is respectfuly submitted
Fall River 6 Mo. 30th 1851

Jervis Shove } on behalf of
the Commi

which is accepted, and we recommend that th same Committee viz (Oliver Earle. Ellis Gifford. Asa Shove. Obadiah Chace. Edmund Chace. Jervis Shove and Abner Slade.) solisit subscriptions between this and our next meeting. to collect the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars. towards carying out the recommendations therein contained, and we desire that friends may carefuly consider this matter, and manifest a commendiable liberality herein, and Jacob H. Vining and Moses Buffinton are added to that Committee

Our Treasurer informes that Freetown Preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered 11 mo. last —.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 7 mo. 28th 1851 — Accounts are received from our several Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey Daniel Chace and Lilly Gifford. Freetown Jervis Shove & David Shove Fall River. Joseph C. Anthony. & Richard Mitchell. who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Our beloved friend Benjamin H. Jones attended this Meeting. with a Minute of concurrance from Dover Monthly Meeting held 4. mo. 16th 1851 — endorsed by Dover Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagements. his company and gospel labours. have been satisfactory to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th, from each of our Preparative Meetings. from which a Summary has been compiled, which we forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, together with a copy of this minute, by Obadiah Chace, Thomas S. Gifford & Joseph C. Anthony. whom we appoint our representatives.

The committe to whom was refered at our last Meeting the subject of collecting $800. — towards making the nesecessary repairs on our Meeting houses — informed that they had come to the conclusion, that the propsed repairs on our Meeting house at Fall River, may be dispensed with the present season — and that they circulated sub-scriptions, with a view to collect $700.— and report "that amount has been subscribed toward the nescessary repairs on Friends Meeting House in Somerset and the erection of a new house at Freetown, and the commi-tee are continued to collect the amount above named, and they are desired to receive further subscriptions as friends may be disposed to contribute hereunto — and report when the same shall be accomplished.

This Meeting is united ~~& united~~ in asking liberty of our Quarterly Meeting to make the nescessary repairs on our Meeting house in Somerset, dispose of the present house in Freetown, and erect a new one in its stead, also in requesting assistance of the Quarterly Meeting to the amount of $300.— in aid thereof, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a copy of this minute.

Received at this time the annual repot of the Boarding School Committee for the past year, which being read, is satisfactory, and we appoint Thomas S. Giffo Joseph Estes, Abner Slade, Obadiah Chace, and Asa Shove to constitute our School Committee, for the year ensu-ing, to act therein on our behalf, as way shall open for it. — We have also received the Printed Minut of our late Yearly Meeting, with an Epistle of Tender Council to friends in Ireland from the Committee of th Meeting in 1850 — appended thereto, which are directe to be distributed among our member by the represen-tatives to this meeting. A Regulation of Discipline Established by our Yearly Meeting 1851, is also received and is satisfactory, and Obadiah Chace, Thomas S. Gifford and Asa Shove, are appointed a Committee to take the nescessary care that the same be placed in all our Book of Discipline in use by this meeting, and they are desire to report.

Our beloved friend Jacob H. Vining, a Minister in unity with us, in a weighty manner opened in this Meeting a prospect which had for a concidera length of time ocupied his mind, of performing a religious visit to the Yearly Meetings of Indianna and Baltimore, and to attend and appoint some Meetings within their limits, which claimed our sollid deliberation, and much unity and simpathy was felt and expressed with him in in his concern, and he was left at liberty and encouraged to proceed herein as Truth may direct, and the Clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

We appoint Simpson Buffinton Moses Buffinton William Chace, Azariah Shove Theophilus Shove 2nd and Richard Mitchell, a Committee to select the names of suitable friends to serve this Meeting in the capasity of Overseers for the ensueing year and report the same to our next Meeting, and the same committee are desired to report the names of friends for Overseers of the Poor.

Obadiah Chace reported of having informed Daniel Chace 2nd of his restoration to unity with us.

Received at this time the Printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London in 1830 — together with an Epistle from the same Meeting to its Junior Members. the reading of which is refered to our next Meeting, and the distribution of them among our members is left in the care of the representatives of this meeting

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 8 mo. 25th 1831 — The accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings the representatives are from Swanzey Barzillia Buffinton & Eber Chace Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove 2nd Fall River William Chace & Henry Slade, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to take the necessary care that the regulation of Discipline adopted by our late Yearly Meeting to be placed in all our Books of Discipline in use by this Monthly Meeting, inform that they have given the needfull attention to that subject.

The Committee to propose the names of suitable frie to serve this Meeting as Overseers, reported the following viz Lilly Gifford Obadiah Chace. Theophilu Shove. David Shove Edmund Chace & Joseph Este which being united with they are appointed to thi service for the ensueing year, our womens Meetin concurring herein; they also propose for overseers o the Poor, the following viz. Lilly Gifford. Abner Slad Jervis Shove. Thomas S. Gifford. William Chace and Asa Shove, which being approved they are accordingly appointed to that servise for the year ensueing.

By the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting we are informed that that Meeting granted the requests of this made to them at our last Monthly Meeting viz liberty to make the nesessary repairs on our Meeting house in Somerset. dispose of the present house in Freetown and erect a new one in its stead. and that meeting concluded to furnish this with Three Hundred Dolla in aid thereof — whereupon we appoint Oliver Earle. Abner Slade. Joseph Shove. Moses Buffinton Barzillia Buffinton. Obadiah Chace. David Shove, Nathan Chace. Asa Shove. Ellis Gifford William Chace. Earle Chace & Joseph Estes a committee to make the necessary repairs on our Meeting house in Somerset. Dispose of the present hous at Freetown & erect a New one in its stead, of the size and dimentions proposed, and report to this Meeting when accomplished.

We have refered to our next Meeting the reading of the Printed Epistle from the Yearly M -ting of London for 1850.

Thomas S. Gifford Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 9 mo. 29th 1851 — by accounts received fr each of our Preparative Meetings, the representative are from Swansey. Benjamin A Chace & Simpson Buffinton. Freetown Jervis Shove & Asa Shove Fall R Samuel Gifford & Richard Mitchell. who are present

Jervis Shove, on behalf of the representatives informed that they were united in proposing the reapointment of Thomas S. Gifford as Clerk and Asa Shove as Assistant Clerk which being approved they are appointed to those servises for the year ensuing.

Our friend Thomas S. Gifford returned at this time the minute granted him in 5 Mo. last to accompany our friend Benjamin H. Jones, on a part of his proposed religious visit, with an endorcement thereon from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in New York, also minutes from the Monthly Meetings of Pembrook and Sandwich Mass. each expressive of his acceptable attendance of those Meetings

We have at this time read the Printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London in 1850 — also an Epistle from the same Meeting addressed to its Junior Members. the reading of each under a sense of solom awe, has been to our satisfaction and encouragment.

The Committee appointed in 4 Mo. last (with an addition thereto in the 6 Mo.) to collect by subscription from our members the sum of Eight-Hundred Dollars, in aid of the nesessary repairs on Friends Meeting House in Somerset and the erection of a new one at Freetown, having received subscriptions to the amount of Seven Hundred Dollars are hereby directed to pay said sum to Abner Slade our Treasurer and any amounts hereafter collected by them, as soon as practicable and our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay out the same by direction of the Building Committee, and he is also desired to call on the Treasurer of our Quarterly Meeting, for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars granted by that Meeting, to this at our last Quarterly Meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10 Mo. 27th 1851 — by accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Lilly Gifford & Barzillia Buffinton; Freetown Theophilus Shove, & David Shove. Fall River William Chace & Azariah Shove, who are present except one.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th, from each of our Preparativ Meetings, and a summary compiled therefrom, which w forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting together wit a copy of this minute by David Shove. Azariah Shove & Moses Buffinton whom we appoint our representati

We appoint Moses Buffinton & Barzillia Buffinton a Committee to make the nesecessary provision for the accomodation of our approaching Quarterly Meetin and report the expence thereof to our next Meeting.

This Meeting has concluded to raise On Hundred Dollars to supply its Treasury and the represe -tatives now present are desired to inform our Prepar -ative Meetings hereof, and they are requested to collect their respective proportions of that [illegible] sum and pay the same to Abner Slade our Treasurer.

This Meeting unites with our womens Me -ting in disowning Hannah Blake from her right of Membership with us.

Our beloved Friend Jacob H. Vining returned a this time, the Minute granted him 7 Mo. last, with an account of his visit, and that it was to the peace an satisfaction of his Mind, he also produced satisfactory returning Minutes from the Monthly Meeting of Cesars Creek, Indianna, and from the Yearly Meeting o Friends held in Indianna, all of which is satisfa -tory to us

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 11 Mo. 24th 1851 — by accounts received fro each of our Preparative Meetings the representative are from Swansey Moses Buffinton, & Simpson Buffin Freetown Jervis Shove & Nathan Chace, Fall River Samuel Gifford & Jacob H. Vining, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting info that they all attended.

The Committee appointed at ou last Meeting to make provision for our late Quarterly Meeting made the following report viz

We the Committee appointed to make provision for the late Quarterly Meeting, have attended to our appointment, and the expence is Eight Dollars & fifty cents.

Barzillai Buffinton } Committee
Swansey 11 Mo. 24th 1857
Moses Buffinton }

which is accepted, by which it appears that the expence thereof is Eight & $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay and call on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for that amount.

Received at this time a removal certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting. Mass. in favour of Leonard Underwood and his Minor Daughter Elizabeth M. Underwood, which is accepted and directed to be recorded, having the concurrance of our womens Meeting herein.

Received from the Clerk of our Quarterly Meeting the following extract from the Minutes of that Meeting Viz

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 Mo. 6th 1857. It was concluded to raise Nine Hundred Dollars for the use of this Meeting the ensueing year, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward in their respective proportions this amount to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer. The Quota of Swansey Monthly Meeting is One Hundred & Eight Dollars. — 12 per cent

Gilbert Congdon } Clerk

which is accepted and it appears that our proportion of that Meetings Stock is one Hundred & Eight Dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 12 Mo. 29th 1857. by accounts, received from each of our Preparative Meetings. the representatives are from Swansey, Obadiah Chace, & Abner Slade, Freetown Nathan Chace, & Asa Shove. Fall River Leonard Underwood, & Thomas S. Gifford, who are present.

The time having expired for which our Committee were appointed to have the care of Funerals it concluded to continue the same friends now under appointment viz William Chace, Azariah Shove, Abne Slade, Joseph Shove, Obadiah Chace, Asa Shove, Simpson Buffinton, Richard Mitchell, David Shove & Jervis Shove and they are hereby reappointed to that service for the year ensueing.

The Committee appointed in 8 Mo. last to make the nescessary repairs on friends Meeting house in Somerset. Dispose of the present house at Freetown and erect a New one in its stead, made the following Report viz. "To the Monthly Meeting

Your Committee appointed to superintend the repairs of our Meeting house in Somerset, and erect a New one at Freetown. Report. We have completed the repairs on the house in Somerset at an expence of 466.5
we have also erected a New house at Freetown, expence } 629.2
over and above the proceeds of the old house 1095.88
Recd. from the Monthly and Quarterly Meeting 1008.59
87.29
New amount subscribed by Freetown Meeting 36.00
Fall River 12 Mo. 29th 1851 $51.29
on behalf of the Committee

Abner Slade

which is accepted and directed to be recorded, an our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the ballance of said Bill, viz, fifty one & $\frac{29}{100}$ Dollars, and in aid hereof we have at this time collected from our Members Thirty four dollars, which has been paid to our treasu

We are informed that the Committee appointed for that purpose, and to whom the subject was speciall refered in 7th Mo. last to collect the sum of $700.. have collected and paid to our Treasurer $708.59 which is satisfactory and the committee released from further service

Thomas S. Gifford } Cler

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 1 Mo. 26th 1852 —— By accounts receiv from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the rep-resentatives are from Swansey Lemuel Chace an Simpson Buffinton Freetown David Shove and Nathan Chace, Fall River Benjamin Shove an Leonard Underwood, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st - 2ond. & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings. from which summary answers have been prepared which we forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting. together with a copy of this Minute by Abner Slade. David Shove. and Jacob H. Vining. whom we appoint our representatives.

Received from our Overseers the following information concerning Mason B. Chace, viz —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Mason B. Chace has, so far deviated from the good order of our Society as to Marry one not a member thereof which we submit to the Meeting

1 mo. 24th 1852

Lilly Gifford } overseers
Obadiah Chace }

which is accepted. whereupon we appoint Oliver Earl. and Richard Mitchell a committee to Labour with him on that account. and report to our next Meeting.

Our Treasurer informed that Fall River Preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of One Hundred Dollars ordered 10 mo. last.

The time for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed having expired. we appoint Obadiah Chace and Joseph C. Anthony, a Committee to audit and settle the Treasurers account and propose the name of a friend to serve this Meeting in that capasity for the ensueing year. and report to our next Meeting.

The subject of effecting Insurance on Friends Meeting Houses & Sheds. in Somerset and Freetown claims our attention. and the subject was refered to our Overseers to take the nesecessary care that 3/4 of the value of said buildings be insured and they are desired to report the expence thereof to ~~this meeting~~ when accomplished

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2d mo. 23d 1852. By accounts Received from each of our Preparative Meetings. the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton. & Barzillia Buffinton. Freetown Jervis Shove. & Theophilus Shove. Fall River Henry Slade & Jos. C. Anthony. who are — present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting infor
-ed that they all attended.
The Committee in the case of Mason B. Chace inform
of having given attention to the object of their appointme
but are not ready to make a full report. they are therfor
continued and desired to report to our next Meetin
The Committee to audit and settle
the Treasurers account and for other purposes made t
following report — Viz. "We the Committee to settle
the Treasurers Account, have attended to our appoi
-ment, and find the Meeting owes him Twelve & 48/100
Dollars. There is due the Treasurer from Swansey Preparative
Meeting $34.50 from Freetown — Preparative
Meeting 12.00 We propose the name of Abner Slade
46.50
for Treasurer.
Jos. C. Anthony } Com
Swansey 2 mo. 15th 1852 Obadiah Chace }
which is accepted and Abner Slade is accordingl
appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing ye
Our Treasurer informed that Freetown Prepara
Meeting have paid their proportion of this Meetings Stock order
10 Mo. last.
Recd. from our Overseers the following information con
cerning Obadiah M. Buffinton. Viz.
To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends
We hereby informe that Obadiah M. Buf
-finton has so far deviated from the good order of our
Society as to Marry one not in membership with us. whic
we Submit to the Meeting
Lilly Gifford } overseers
Swansey 2 mo. 19th 1852 Obadiah Chace }
which is accepted. whereupon we appoint Abner Slade
Lilly Gifford. and David Shove, a Committee to labour
with him on that account and report to our next Meeting
Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends he
in Somerset 3 mo. 29th 1852 — by accounts rece
-ed from each of our Preparative Meetings the repre
-sentatives are from Swansey Abner Slade & Eb
Chace, Freetown Jervis Shove & David Shove Fall R
Benjamin Shove & Ellis Gifford who are pre
-sent.

Our beloved friend Jared Patterson attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them, his company and Gospe labours. have been acceptable to us. and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute

The Committee in the case of Mason B. Chace inform of having given further attention to their appointment, but are not ready to make a full report they are therefore continued and desired to repor to our next Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Obadiah M. Buffinton. made a report at this time which is refered for further consideration to our next Meeting.

Our beloved friend Asa Sherman opened in this Meeting a prospect he had of accompanying our friend Anna D. Wing. in her attenance of the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Philadelph which was united with and he left at liberty to proceed herein. he being a member in unity with us. and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute

Thomas T. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4 mo. 26th 1852 — Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey Obadiah Chace, & Simpson Buffinton, Freetown Asa Shove & Nathan Chace, Fall River Henry Slade & Joseph Estes who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting, with Answers from each of our Preparative Meetings, from which a Summary has been compiled, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this Minute and any nescessary extracts for the information of that Meeting by David Shove, Obadiah Chace & William Chace, whom we appoint our representative.

This Meeting unites with our Womens Meeting in receiving Eliza Hull into membership with us.

The Committee in the case of Mason B. Chace, ma
the following report viz "To Swansey Monthly Meetin
Dear Friends
The Committee in the case of Mason B. Cha
report, that we have had several oppertunities wit
him, to some good degree of satisfaction, he appears
sensible of his deviation and wished friends to pas
by his offence, and continue him under their care.
all of which we submit to the Meeting

4 Mo. 26th 1852
Oliver Earle
Richard Mitchell } Committee

which is accepted and he is hereby restored to his
right of Membership with us, having the concuran
of our Womens Meeting herein.

The following report from the committee i
the case of Obadiah M. Buffinton, refered at ou
last Meeting for further consideration, being agai
read, viz "We the Committee in the case of Obadi
M Buffinton, report that we have had an opp
-tunity with him to a good degree of satisfactio
and he appears to be sincerly desirous to be re
-tained a member of our Society which we submi
to the Meeting

3 Mo. 29th 1852
David Shove
Lilly Gifford } Committe
Abner Slade

is accepted and he is hereby restored to his rig
of Membership with us, having the concuran
of our womens meeting herein.

This Meeting is united in approving the Gift and Publick appearance in the Ministry of Obadiah Chace, having the concurance of our womens Meeting.

Lilly Gifford is appointed to informe Mason B. Chace & Obadiah M. Buffinton of thei
restoration to unity with us, and report.

Our Treasurer informes that Swansey Preparative Meeting have paid their proportion
this Meetings Stock ordered 10 Mo. last.

The Committee appointed 9 Mo 1844 viz. Jervis Shove, Abner Slade, Henry Slade & Azariah Shov
are hereby directed to attend to the object of their appointment, and report when accomplished.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 5 Mo. 31st. 1852 — Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey. Moses Buffinton, and Hiram Buffinton, Freetown David Shove & Jervis Shove Fall River Edmund Chace, & Richard Mitchell, who are present.

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended.

Lilly Gifford informed this Meeting that he had informed Mason B Chace & Obadiah M Buffintonton of the doings of this Meeting in their cases.

Asa Shove} Clerk for the day

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 mo 28th. 1852 Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton, & Eber Chace. Freetown Asa Shove & Nathan Chace Fall River Joseph C. Anthony & Thomas S. Gifford, who are present.

Our beloved friend Edeth Griffith, attended this Meeting with a minute of concurance from Westland Monthly Meeting. endorced by Redston Quarterly Meeting, Penna. expressive of her being a minister in unity with them, her company and gospel labours have been acciptable to us.

Our beloved friend Eliza Brewer, attended this Meeting with a minute of concurance from Leads Monthly Meeting, endorced by West Lake Quarterly Meeting, expressive of her being a minister in unity with them, her company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us.

Our Beloved friend Jesse Kenworthy attended this Meeting, as companion to our friend Edeth Giffith, with a minute of concurance from Westland Monthly Meeting, Penna. expressive of his being an Elder in unity with them, his company has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend David Gardner attended this meeting as companion to our friend Eliza Brewer with a minute of concurance from Leads Monthly

Meeting. held at Farmers Vill, Canada West. expressiv
of his being a member. in good esteem with them. his company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends Jes
Kenworth, and David Gardner, with copies of Minut
made on their behalfe.

Received from Smithfield Monthly Meeting of
Friends a Removal Certificate in favour of James M
Aldrich, which is refered to our Committee on Certificates.

We have at this time the company of our beloved friends Lydia H. Stanley from Redstone Month
Meeting Penna Companion to our friend Edeth Griff
and Perses Gardner. from Leads Monthly Meeting
Canada West. Companion to our friend Eliza Brewe
with satisfactory testamonials from their respectiv
Monthly Meetings. their company has been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite wi
the Clerk of our womens Meeting in furnishing our
friends Edeth Griffith. Eliza Brewer. Lydia H. Stanley
and Perses Gardner, with copies of Minutes made on
their account as it relates to each and sign the same
on our behalfe.

It is the conclusion of this Meeting to
raise One Hundred Dollars to supply its Treasury &
the representatives now present are desired to inform
our several Preparative Meetings thereof. who are requested to collect their respective proportions of the
sum named, and pay it in to our Treasurer.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends he
in Somerset 7 mo. 26th 1852 — Accounts are
received from each of our Preparative Meetin
and the representatives are from Swansey, Oliv
Earle, & Barzillia Buffinton. Freetown Nathan Ch
& David Shove. Fall River William Chace and As
Sherman, all present except one, whose absence
was satisfactorily accounted for.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting
with answers to the 1st 2ond & 10th from each of our
preparative Meetings, from which summary Answers have been compiled, which we forwar

to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this Minute by Moses Buffinton. Ellis Gifford and David Shove. whom we appoint our representativ

The removal Certificate in favour of James M. Aldrich, from Smithfield Monthly Meeting. refered at our last Meeting, coming again under consideration, and the Meeting not being prepared to receive it, we have concluded to return it to that Meetin and our committee on Certificates are desired to prepare an Essay of a communication addressed to that Meeting on this account, and present the same to our next Meeting.

Received at this time a Number of copies of the Printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, together with a report of the Boarding School Committee. the latter being read, is satisfactory, and we appoint Richard Mitchell. Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade. & Asa Shove, our School Committee for the ensuing year. the Printed Minutes are directed to be distributed amongst our Members by the representatives now present. We have also received several copies of an article of Discipline established by our late yearly Meeting on the subject of Burials and we appoint Abner Slade. William Chace & Asa Shove, a committee to see that the article refered to be placed in all the Books of Disciplin in use by this Monthly Meeting, and said committee are also desired to see that, that portion of our Discipline viz in relation to marrying in the kindred by affinity, which was directed to be expunged therefrom, by our last yearly Meeting, be so expunged and report.

Received the general Printed Epistl from the Yearly Meeting held in London in 1851 the reading and distribution of which is refered to our next Meeting.

The Overseers to whom was refered the subject of effecting Insurance on frien Meeting Houses and Sheds in Somerset & Freetown made the following report viz. To Swansey Monthly Meetin

Dear Friends

The Overseers to whom the subject of insuring our Meeting houses was refered. Report. That we have caused Insurance to be effected on our Meeting Hous at Somerset to the amount of Eight Hundred Dollars and One Hundred Dollars on the Sheds near it, at The Hingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company State of Massachusetts for Seven years from first of 2 Mo. 1852. and the expence thereof is fifteen Dollars & 50 cents.

We have also caused Insurance to be effected o our Meeting House at Freetown in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars at the Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company. for Six years from first of 2 Mo. 1852 and the expense is Nine Dollars.

On behalf of the Overseers

Lilly Gifford }
David Shove }

which is accepted. by which it appears the expen thereof is Twenty four Dollars and fifty cents which our Treasurer is directed to pay, and said Policie of Insurance are directed to be placed in the han of Abner Slade the Treasurer of this Meeting.

We appoint Abner Slade. Simpson Buffinton. David Shove. Nathan Chace. Joseph C. Anmy. & Ellis Gifford, a Committee to select the name of suitable friends to serve this Meeting in the capasity of Overseers for the ensuing year, and report the same to our next Meeting. The same Committee are desired to report the names of Frien to serve this Meeting as overseers of the Poor.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 8 Mo. 30th 1852 Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey Danie Chace. & Barzillia Buffinton, Freetown Jervis Shov & Theophilus Shove Fall River Wm Chace & Edmun Chace, who are present except two.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended.

The Committee to whom that subject w refered at our last Meeting presented the follow Essay of a communication to Smithfield Month

Meeting viz To Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

In the 6 mo. last a removal Certificate from your Meeting in favour of James M. Aldrich was laid before our Monthly Meeting and refered to our Committee on Certificates. who having had an oppertunity with him reported subsequently that he had no wish to be a member with us, and that he rarely attended our Meeting. whereupon it was concluded to return the Certificate to you

on behalf of the Committee Ellis Gifford
Fall River 8 mo. 30th 1852

which being approved is directed to be signed by the Clerk and forwarded by him to that Meeting together with the removal Certificate refered to.

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting presented the names of the following friends to serve this meeting as Overseers viz Lilly Gifford. Obadiah Chace. David Shove. Theophilus Shove. Edmund Chace & Joseph Estes. which being approved they are appointed they are appointed to that service for the year ensuing. our womens Meeting concuring hereins The same committe also reported the following friends to constitute our overseers of the Poor for the ensueing year viz Abner Slade. Barzillia Buffinton. Jervis Shove. Asa Shove. William Chace & Thomas S. Gifford. which being approve they are accordingly appointed to that service our womens meeting ~~concurring~~ herein.

Our Treasurer informed that Fall River Preparative. has paid its proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered 6 mo. last.

The Printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London which was refered at our last Meeting. being read at this time is satisfactory and the representatives now present are desired to distribute them amongst our members

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in ~~Somerset~~ 9 Mo 27th 1852.
Accounts are received from each

of our preparative Meeting and the Representatives are for Swansey, Simpson Buffinton & Eber Chace, Freetown Jennis Shove and Asa Shove, Fall River Jacob H. Vining and Joseph C. Anthony, who are Present.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant of this Meeting were appointed having expired, Jacob H. Vining on behalf of the representatives reported, that they were united in proposing Richard Mitchell for Clk and Asa Shove for Assistant clk which being approved, they are appointed to those Services for the ensuing year.

Our Treasurer informed that Freetown preparative Meeting had paid their proportion of One hundred Dollars ordered in 6 Mo last.

Our Womens Meeting forwarded a removal Certificate on behalf of Sarah Hawes, directed to [illegible] Monthly Meeting which was approved and Signed.

Our Esteemed Friend Mary Shove opened in this Meeting a prospect of attending Smithfield Quarterly Meeting and some Meetings within the verge of it, also some religious Service in Sandwich quarterly Meeting which was united with, and she left at liberty to proceed therein as truth may direct — She being a Minister in unity with us.

Our Esteemed Friend David Shove informed us that he had a prospect of accompanying his Wife in her contemplated visit, which this Meeting unites with, he being a Member in unity with us. The Clk is directed to furnish him with a coppy of this minute.

The time for which our recorder of removal certificates was appointed having expired, we appoint Thomas S. Gifford to that service for the ensuing year.

Dennis Shove ~~and~~ Abner Slade and Thomas S. Gifford are appointed to look up the Deeds, Records and papers belonging to this Monthly Meeting, & deposit them in some suitable place, and report when accomplish.

Richard Mitchell Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 10 mo 25th 1852, accounts are received from each of our preparative Meetings, and the representatives named therein Are from Swansey, Lilly Gifford and Abner Slade, Freetown David Shove and Nathan Chace, Fall River Samuel Gifford and Asa Sherman, who are present except two for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was assigned. — The queries have all been read at this time and answers to the first second and tenth agreed on from each of our preparative Meetings, and a summary prepared therefrom which we forward to our ensuing quarterly Meeting together with a coppy of this Minute by Joseph Estes, Asa Shove, and Richard Mitchell, whome we appoint our Representatives.

Moses Buffinton and Barsilla Buffinton are appointed to make the necessary provision for the Ensuing Quarterly Meeting and report the expense at our next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to see that the new article of discipline ~~of~~ the subject of burials be placed in all our books of discipline in use by this Mo Meeting, and also an article on Marrying in the Kindred by affinity which was directed to be expunged there from, Report those services accomplish'd.

Received from our Overseers the following complaint against Samuel Chace Viz,,

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

~~Dear~~ Friends

We hereby inform the Meeting that Samuel Chace has for a long time neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings, On which acount he has been laboured with, but without the desired affect; He also manifested himself to us, out of unity with Friends.

Which we submit to the Meeting.

Swansey 10 Mo 17th 1852 Lilly Gifford } Overseers
Obadiah Chace } ,,

Which is accepted, and we appoint Thomas S. Gifford and Simpson Buffinton to treat with him on those accounts and report at our next Meeting.

Our Treasurer informed that Swansey preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of one hundred Dollars ordered in sixth Month last.

Was presented to this Meeting a Deed from Joseph Read to Swansey Monthly Meeting, of a burying lot in Freetown, and Asa Shove is appointed to have the same recorded, and call on our Treasurer for the expense, and report.

Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 Mo 29th 1852 — Accounts are receiv from each of our preparative Meetings, and the representatives named therein are from Swansey Eber Chace & Simpson Buffinton, Freetown Asa Shove & Theophilus Shove Fall River Thomas S. Gifford & Mark Anthony, all present.

The Representatives to our last quarterly Meeting report their attendanc

The Committee for the purpose, made the following report viz: ~~Which is~~

" To Swansey Mo Meeting to be held the 29th of 11 Mo 1852 — We the Committee appointed to make provision for the late quarterly Meeting, have attended to our appointment and the expense is thirteen Dollars,,

Barzillai Buffinton
Moses Buffinton

Which is accepted, and our Treasurer is directed to pay the amount, and call on the Treasurer of the quarterly Meeting for the same.

The Committee to Visit Samuel Chace report some attention to their appointment they are continued, and desired to report at our next Meeting.

Was received from our late quarterly Meeting the following information in regard to Stock

" At Rhode Island quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 Mo 4th 1852

This Meeting concludes to raise five hundred Dollars, for the ensuing year, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of this sum, to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer, — The quota for Swansey Mo Meeting is Sixty Dollars. $60./ — 12 per Cent

Gilbert Congdon Clk
"

Which is accepted and our Treasurer is directed to pay to that Meetings Treasurer Sixty Dollars our proportion.

Richard Mitchell Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 12 Mo 27th 1852.—

Accounts are received from each of our preparative Meetings, and the representatives named therein are from Swansey, Moses Buffinton and Obediah Chace, from Freetown Nathan Chace and David Shove
Fall River Leonard Underwood and Samuel Gifford
who are present except one.

The Committee in the case of James Chace report further attention, and are continued, and desired to report at our next Meeting.

The time for which the Committee to have the care of funerals was appointed has expired, and we conclude to reappoint the same Friends to that service for the ensuing year, "viz" William Chace, Azariah Shove Abner Slade Joseph Shove Obediah Chace Asa Shove Simpson Buffinton Richard Mitchell David Shove and Jennis Shove.

Our Esteemed Friend Mary Shove now returned our Minute granted her in 9 mo last with the information that she attended the quarterly Meeting of Smithfield and some Meetings within that vicinity to the peace and satisfaction of her own Mind, accompanied with a coppy of a Minute from that Meeting expressing that her company and Gospel labours were acceptable to them; She likewise informed of visiting one particular Meeting and all the families belonging to Pembroke Monthly Meeting, which is Satisfactory to us.—

Our Esteemed Friend David Shove now returne
our Minute granted him in 9th Mo last, with the
following Copy of a Minute from that Meeting
which is Satisfactory to us. —

" Our Esteemed Friend David Shove as
Companion to his Wife Mary Shove having the
copy of a Minute from Swanzey Mo Meeting
of 9mo 27th 1852, has been acceptably with us at
this time the Clerk is Directed to furnish him
with a copy of this Minute,
" Taken from the Minutes of Smithfie
quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield the 11 of 11 Mo
1852. —
John C. Fry - Clerk
Edward Earl Correspondent, Ann B. Earl - Clerk

David Shove, Jennings Shove, William
Chace, Edmund Chace, Abner Slade, and
Baurilla Buffinton are appointed to
have the care of all the burying grounds,
belonging to this Monthly Meeting, and to see
that they are properly enclosed.

This Meeting having been informed
that there are some repairs necessary
to be made on our Meeting House in Fall
River, We appoint William Chace, Earl
Chace, Nathan Chace, Moses Buffinton, Azariah
Shove, and Abner Slade, to examine the
House, ascertain what is necessary to be
done, estimate the expense, and report
at our next Meeting.
Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Somerset 1 Mo 31st 1853.

Accounts are received from each
of our preparative Meetings and the
representatives named therein are from
Swanzey, Lilly Gifford, and Benjamin
A. Chace, Freetown, Jennings Shove
and Nathan Chace, Fall River, Thomas
S. Gifford and Asa Sherman Jun —
all present.

The queries have all been Read in this Meeting, and answers to the first second and tenth from each of our preparative Meetings a Summary of which has been compiled, Which we forward to our ensuing quarterly Meeting together with a Coppy of this Minute by William Chace Abner Slade and Asa Chace, whome we appoint our representatives.

Our Esteemed Friend David Dudley A. Minister in Unity, attendid this Meeting with a Minute of Concurrence from St. Albans Mo Meeting held 10 mo 25th 1852 his Company and Gospel labours have been acceptable to us, the Clk is directed to furnish him with a coppy of this Minute.

Our Esteemed Friend William Farr, an Elder in Unity, attended this Meeting as companion to our Friend David Dudley, with a Minute of concurrence from Litchfield Monthly Meeting held 10 of 11 mo 1852, His company has been acceptable to us.
The Clk is directed to furnish him with a coppy of this Minute.

The committee in the case of Samuel Chace, made the following report, viz "

To Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends,
Dear Friends

The committee in the Case of Samuel Chace report that we have had several opportunities with him, on the subject of our appointment, and that he did not manifest to us, a disposition to make Friends satisfaction, which we submit to the Meeting.

Somersett 1 mo 31st, 1853 Simpson Buffinton } Committee
Thomas T. Gifford }

Which is accepted, and he is, with the concurrence of our Womens Meeting, denied his right of Membership with Friends, and Barzilla Buffinton is appointed to inform him of his disownment,

The Committee to examin the Meeting house at Fall River made the following report, viz,,

To Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends 1 Mo 31 1853.

The committee appointed to ascertain the nesessary repairs on our Meeting House at Fall River report,, That we think it will be nesessary to shingle the roof, furnish new window lites, and repair the Chimneys, the estimated expense of Materials and Labour, is about two hundred and twenty five Dollars.

Which we respectfully submit to the Mo Meeting. Wm Chace on behalf of the Committee

Which is satisfactory and the same Friends are continued, and desired to make those repairs, and draw on our Treasurer for the expense, and report to this meeting when accomplish'd.

The Overseers produced the following complaint against Hurlbert A. Skinner viz,,

To Swansey Monthly Meeting
Dear Friends

Hurlbert A. Skinner has so far disregarded the order of our Society as to entirely absent himself from our Meetings, and attend those sett up out of the order of our discipline; on account of which he has been visited, and found disposed still to presist in so doing.

Edmund Chace
Joseph Estes } Overseers

Whereupon we appoint William Chace and Thomas S. Gifford to treat with him on those accounts and report at our next Meeting. —

This Meeting unites with our Womans Meeting in the reception of a removal Certificate on behalf of Phebe Robinson from Providence Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting concludes to raise one hundred dollars to supply our Treasury, our preparatives are requested to raise their respective proportions of that sum and pay it to our Treasurer.

Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2d mo 25 1853 Accounts are received from each of our Preparatives and the representatives named therein are from Swansey Oliver Earl and Barzillai Buffinton, Freetown Asa Shove and David Shove, Fall River Edmund Chace and Henry Slade, all Present.

One of the Representatives to our late Quarterly Meeting, Report they all attended.

The Committee in the Case of Herbert A. Skinner made the following Report viz. "

To Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

The Committee in the Case of Herbert A. Skinner Report, That we have had an opportunity with him, in which he manifested no desire longer to remain a member of our Society which we Submit to the meeting

Wm Chace
Thomas S. Gifford } Committee

Fall River 2 mo 25 - 1853 -

Which is accepted, and he is with the concurrence of our Womens Meeting denied his right of Membership with Friends, and Richard Mitchell is appointed to inform him of his disownment, and report at our next Meeting.

The Committee to inform Samuel Chace of his disownment, report the appointment answered.

Lilly Gifford and Barzillai Buffinton are appointed to Audit the Treasurers accounts, and propose a Treasurer for the ensuing year, and report at our next Meeting.

Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 3 Mo 28th 1853 -

Accounts are received from each of our preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey Moses Buffinton and Daniel Chace Freetown Nathan Chace and Jervis Shove Fall River Mark Anthony and Leonard Underwood who are present except on

The Committee to Audit the Treasurers accounts and for other purposes made the following report viz,,

" To Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

We your Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and for other purposes, have attended to our appointment, and find in his hands Eighty seven Dollars and two Cts, and would propose Abner Slade for Treasurer

Swansey 3 mo 28th 1853 Lilly Gifford } Com
Barzillai Buffinton

Which is accepted and Abner Slade is appointe Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Richard Mitchell a committee to treat with him and report at our next Meeting.

Our Treasurer informed that Freetown preparative Meeting had paid their proportion of this Meeting Stock ordered in first Mo last.

Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 6 Mo 27th 1853, Accounts are received from each of our preparatives and the Representatives named therein are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Lemuel Chace, Freetown Theophilus Shove & David Shove Fall River Mark Anthony & Leonard Underwood, all present,

Our Beloved Friend Nathaniel Sands, A Minister in Unity attended this Meeting with a Minute of Concurrence from Cornwall Mo Meeting held 24th of 5 Mo 1853, His company and Gospel Labour have been acceptable to us. —

Our Beloved Friend Thomas Jones A. Minister in Unity attended this Meeting with a Minute of Concurrence from Durham Mo Meeting held 5 Mo 24th 1853 His Company & Gospel Labours have been acceptable to us.

Our Beloved Friend Enos G. Pray A Minister in Unity, attended this Meeting with a Minute of Concurrence from Springfield Mo Meeting of Friends in Clinton County Ohio held 16th of 4 mo 1853, endorsed by Center Quarterly Meeting Clinton County Ohio held 7 of 5 Mo 1853 His Company and Gospel Labours have been acceptable to us.

Our Beloved Friend Joshua Douglass Companion to our Friend Thomas Jones an Elder in unity attended this Meeting with a Minute of Concurrence from Durham Mo

Meeting of Friends held 5 Mo 24th 1853, his company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our Friends from abroad with Copys of Minutes made on their behalf.

Our Womens Meeting informed that they were united in receiving Joanna Potter into Membership with Friends, with which this Meeting unites.

They also presented a removal Certificate in favour of Lucy James from Bolton Mo Meeting of Friends held 27th of 4 Mo 1853 which is United with

The Committee for the purpose made the following report viz:

"To Swanzey Mo Meeting

We the committee in the case of Phillip J. Tripp have had an interview with him, which was satisfactory, and he Expressed, as we believe a sincere desire, that Friends would pass by his deviations from the rules of discipline and wished to be retained under their care

All of which we submit to the" Meeting

Freetown 6 mo 27th 1853
Asa Shove
Nathan Chase
Thomas T. Gifford
Richard Mitchell

Which is accepted, and he is with the concurrence of our Womens Meeting restored to his right of Membership with Friends and Asa Shove appointed to inform him of our conclusion in his case. -

We propose to raise one hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury, and our preparatives are requested to forward their respective proportions of this to our Treasurer.

Our Esteemed Friend Asa Shove informed this Meeting, that he propos to accompany Ruth Davis and Anna D. Wing on a religious visit to the disowned Members of Newbedford and Westport Mo Meeting, with which we unite, he being a member in unity, the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute. —

Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somers
7 Mo 25th 1853, Accounts are received from each of our preparative Meetings, the representatives from Swansey are Obediah Chace & Lilly Gifford Freetown David Shove & Jarvis Shove Fall River Joseph Estes & Thomas S. Gifford, all Present.

The queries have all been read in this Meeting with answers to the first second and tenth from each of our preparative Meeting, a Summary of has been compiled, and the Clerk is directed to forward it to our ensuing quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this Minute by Jacob H. Vining, Abner Slade, and Asa Shove whom we appoint our representatives.

We appoint Abner Slade Asa Shove Mark Anthony Oliver Earl Nathan Chace and William Chace a Committee to confer with suitable Friends to serve this Meeting in the capacity of overseers, for the ensuing year, and report their names to our next Meeting, they are also desired to report the names of suitable Friends for overseers of the poor. —

Asa Shove reports his appointment answered in the Care of Phillip J. Tripp.

The Committee for the purpose made the following report viz

To Swansey Mo Meeting, We your committee appointed to make the necessary repairs on our Meeting House at Fall River report, That we have shingled the roof anew, and made some smaller repairs the expense of which is two hundred & nine dollars & fi
$209-50

for which amount we have drawn on the Monthly Meeting, Treasurer. 7 mo 25 1853 Wm Chace on behalf of the Committee.

Which is accepted, and is Satisfactory.

Was received at this time the report of our yearly Meeting Boarding School, Committee, which was read, and is satisfactory; And we appoint Asa Shove Abner Slade and Thomas S. Gifford to constitute our School committee for the ensuing year.

Was received from our late yearly Meeting an Article on the subject of Slavery which was read to our satisfaction.

Richard Mitchell Clk

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 8 mo 29th 1853 — Accounts are present from each of our preparatives, and the representatives named therein are from Swansey Moses Buffinton and Benjamin A. Chace Freetown Nathan Chace and Jervis Shove Fall River Joseph Dudley & William Chace — all Present Except one.

One of the Representatives to our late quarterly Meeting, informed that they are attended.

Was received at this time a number of Copies of the extracts from the Minutes of our late yearly Meeting, the Representatives now in attendance are desired to distribute them among our Members.

The Committee for the purpose reports the Names of the following Friends as Overseers of this Meeting," Lilly Gifford Obediah Chace, David Shove Theophilus Shove, Edmund Chace & Joseph Estes, which being approved they are appointed to that service the ensuing year.

The same committee proposed the names of the following Friends for overseers of the Poor viz — Abner Slade —

Barzillia Buffinton Jervis Shove Asa Shove William Chace and Thomas V. Gifford, and they being approved, are appointed to that service for the year ensuing.

A number of Copies of The London General Epistle for 1852 was received at this time, and read as we trust, to our Edification and comfort, and are directed to be distributed among our members by the representatives now in attendance. —

Our Esteemed Friend Asa Sherman now returned our Minute granted him in 6 Month last, with the following endorsement from New Bedford Mo Meeting of Friends held 7 Mo 28th 1853 expressive of his company and Solid deportment being Satisfactory to them, which is satisfactory to us.

Our Esteemed Friend Jacob H. Vining a Minister in Unity Opened in this meeting a prospect that he had of visiting, in the Love of the Gospel, the ensuing quarterly Meetings of Fairfield and Vassalboro, and and some Meetings within their limits and to appoint some Meetings if way should open for it, after a time of deliberation, much Unity and Sympathy was felt and expressed it, and he left at liberty to pursue his prospect as truth may direct. and the Clk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

Richard Mitchell Clk

At Swanzey Mo Meeting of Friends, held at Somerset 9 Mo 26th 1853. Accounts are recd from each of our preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swanzey Simpson Buffinton and Moses Buffinton Freetown Asa Shove and Theophilus Shove Fall River Asa Sherman & Joseph C Anthony, all present except one ——

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed has expired Moses Buffinton on behalf of the representatives informed the Meeting that they were not ready to report names for Clerks at this time, whereupon Richard Mitchell is appointed for the day.

Fall River preparative Meeting in their account inform That Clark Shove proposes publishing his intentions of Marriage with Elizabeth Slade at our next Mo Meeting, and we have now received the following Communication.

" To Swansey Meeting of Friends, Fall River
9 Mo 26th 1853

Dear Friends

With Divine permission and Friends approbation we intend Marriage with each other

Clark Shove
Elizabeth Slade

Which we notice, and they are requested to wait untill next Monthly Meeting for an answer, we appoint Wm Chace and Joseph C Anthony to make the necessary enquiries into his clearness to proceed therein and report at our next Meeting.

Our Esteemed Friend Jacob H. Vining now returned our Minute granted him last Month with endorsements from Fairfield and Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings, expressive of his Company and religious Services being, satisfactory and acceptable to them, He likewise informed us that he had performed the service to the peace of his own mind which is satisfactory to us.

Our Treasurer informed that Swansey and Fall River had paid their proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered in 6 Mo last

The time for which the recorder of removal Certificates was appointed having expired it is concluded to reappoint Thomas S. Gifford to that service for the ensuing year

Richard Mitchell Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 10 Mo 31st 1853, Accounts are received from each of our preparatives, and the Friends named therein as representatives are from Swansey, Lilly Gifford and Abner Slade, Freetown David Shove and Jervis Shove, Fall River Ellis Gifford and Richard Mitchell, all Present.

Asa Sherman on behalf of the Representatives, proposed the Names of Richard Mitchell Clerk and Asa Shove as Assistant Clk, and they being approved, are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Committee for the purpose report, that nothing appears to prevent Clark Shove from proceeding in Marriage with Elizabeth Slade, they having consent of surviving Parents, they are at liberty to accomplish their Marriage by keeping to our rules and Edmund Chace & Jacob H. Vining are appointed to see that the Marriage is orderly conducted, the Certificate handed to the recorder, and report at our next Meeting.

At the request of Clark Shove, we have concluded to appoint a Meeting at this House on the 14th day of next Month, at two oclock in the afternoon for the Solemnization of his Marriage.

The queries have all been read; also the answers to the first second and tenth, from each of our preparative Meetings from which a summary has been compiled and the Clerk is directed to forward it to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with a Copy of this Minute by William Chace Amos A. Lincoln and Moses Buffinton our representatives. —

Moses Buffinton & Lilly Gifford are appointed to make the nesessary provision for the ensuing quarterly Meeting and report the expense to our next Meeting

Our Treasurer informed that Freetown preparative Meeting had paid their proportion of this Meeting's stack, orderd in 6 month last.

Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 Mo 28th 1853. Accounts are received from each of our preparatives, and the representatives named therein are from Swansey: Daniel Chace and Barzillia Buffinton Freetown David Shove and Nathan Chace — Fall River Mark Anthony and Samuel Gifford, all Present.

One of the representatives to our late quarterly Meeting reports their attendance.

The Committee for the purpose make the following report (Viz "To Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends

(Dear Friends

We have attended to our appointment in making provision for our late quarterly Meeting, and the expense is thirteen Dollars, which we refer to the Mo Meeting

Lilly Gifford

Swansey 11 Mo 28-1853 Moses Buffinton,,

Which is accepted and our Treasurer is directed to pay the amount, and call on the quarterly Meeting's Treasurer, for the same

The Committee appointed to attend the Marriage of Clark Shove and Elizabeth Slade, Report that it was orderly conducted, and the Certificate has been delivered to the recorder.

Received at this time the following Communication
"At Rhodeisland quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 Mo 3 - 1853

It was concluded to raise five hundred Dollars for the ensuing year and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of this amount to William Congdon our Treasurer —
Swansey Mo Meetings quota is Sixty Dollars 12 per cent

Gilbert Congdon Clk."

Which is accepted and our Treasurer is directed to pay that amount to William Congdon

Received from our Overseers the following complaint

"To Swansey Mo Meeting
Dear Friends

This may inform the Meeting that Phillip Buffinton has so far deviated from the good order of our Society as to proceed in Marriage with one not a member thereof; which we submit to the Meeting

Swansey 11 Mo 28 - 1853 Lilly Gifford } overseers
Obediah Chace "

Which is accepted, and we appoint Simpson Buffinton and Abner Slade to treate with him on said account and report at our next Meeting.

This Meeting concludes to raise one hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury and our preparative Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of that sum and pay to our Treasurer, our representatives now in attendance are requested to give them this information.

Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 12 Mo 26 1853 Accounts are received from each of our preparative Meetings, and the representatives named therein are from Swansey Abner Slade and Oliver Earl, Freetown Theophilus Shove and Asa Shove, Fall River Job Chace & Thomas T. Gifford present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Committee in the Case of Phillip Buffinton informed us that they had paid some attention to their appointment, but were not ready to report, they are continued and desired to report at our next Meeting

The time for which the funeral committee of this meeting were appointed, having expired, it is concluded to reappoint the same Friends for that service the ensuing year; The names are William Chace Azariah Shove, Abner Slade, Joseph Shove Obediah Chace, Asa Shove, Simpson Buffinton David Shove, Jervis Shove & Richard Mitchell Hiram Buffinton is added to the Committee.

Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends, held at Somerset 1st Mo 30 - 1854, — Accounts are received from each of our preparitive Meetings, and the representatives are from Swansey are Moses Buffinton and Lilly Gifford, Freetown Jervis Shove and Nathan Chace, Fall River Jacob H. Vining and Mark Anthony, all Present.

The Committee in the Case of Phillip Buffinton, are not ready to make a full report they are continued, and desired to report at our next Meeting

The queries have all been read in this Meeting and answers to the first second and tenth, from each of our preparative Meetings, from which a summary has been compiled, and the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this Minute, by Edmund Chace, Moses Buffinton and David Shove, who are appointed our Representatives Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2 Mo 27th 1854 Accounts are received from each of our preparatives, and the representatives named are from Swansey, Moses Buffinton & Hiram Buffinton, Freetown Asa Shaw and David Shaw Fall River Benjamin Shove and Ellis Gifford, who are present, Except one for his absence a satisfactory reason ~~reason~~ was assigned.

The Committee for the purpose made the following report viz. "We the Committee in the case of Philip Buffinton, Report That we have had several interviews with him on the subject of the complaint, and he does not manifest any desire to be continued a Member of our Society, Which we respectfully submit to the Meeting
2 Mo 27th 1854 Abner Slade
Simpson Buffinton"

Which is accepted, and he is with the concurrence of our Womens Meeting ceases his right of Membership with Friends, Moses Buffinton is appointed to inform him of our conclusion in his case.

The Representatives our late quarterly Meeting report their attendance.

Our Treasurer informed that Swansey preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of this Meeting Stock ordered in 11 Mo last.

Our Esteemed Friend Thomas S. Gifford, Informed this Meeting that he felt a willingness to accompany Huldah S. Meader in her contemplated Visit as set forth in her Minute from Providence Monthly Meeting, Particularly within the verge of Ferrisburgh quarterly Meeting, Which is approved, he being a Member in Unity, The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute.

Our Esteemed Friend Obadiah Chace a Minister in Unity, in a feeling Manner, opened in this Meeting a prospect, of Visiting in the Love of the Gospel, Some Meetings within the limits of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, and to appoint a few Meetings, if Way should open for it. After a time of deliberation, Much Unity, and Sympathy was felt, and Expressed, and he is left at liberty to pursue his prospect as Truth may direct. — The Clk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute.

Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 3 Mo 27th 1854 — Accounts are received from each of our preparatives, and the representatives named therein are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Barzillai Buffinton Freetown Nathan Chace & Asa Shove Fall River Richard Mitchell and Joseph C. Anthony who are present except one.

Our Treasurer informed, that Fall River, and Freetown preparatives, had paid their proportion of this Meetings Stock, ordered in 11th mo last. —

The Committee to inform Philip Buffinton of his Disownment, reports the appointment answered.

The Committee for the purpose made the following report — viz." To Swansey Mo Meeting,

Dear Friends

We your Committee appointed in 4 mo last, to collect an account of the Births Deaths and burials of Members of this Monthly Meeting — Report, that we have attended to said appointment, and have handed to the recorder as far as we have been able to learn, an account of all the Births, Deaths & Burials, that have occurred in this Mo Meeting up to the present time, that have not been previously recorded.

Somerset 3 mo 27th 1854 — Samuel Gifford

Benjamin A. Chace

Nathan Chace,"

Which is Satisfactory, and the same Friends are desired to give their attention to the Subject for the ensuing year, and report in the third Mo next.

Richard Mitchell Clk

At Swanzey Mo Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 4 Mo 24th 1854

Accounts are received from each of our preparatives and the representatives named are from Swanzey Lilly Gifford and Abner Slade Freetown, Asa Shove & Nathan Chace, Fall River Joseph Estes & Wm Chace all present.

The queries have all been read in this Meeting and answers thereto from each of our preparative Meetings from which Summary Answers have been compiled, and the Clerk is directed to forward them to our ensuing quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this Minute by Thomas T. Gifford David Shove and Moses Buffinton whom we appoint our representatives

Our Treasurer informed this Meeting that he had paid our proportion of quarterly Meeting Stock, to that Meeting Treasurer.

Our Esteemed Friend Jacob H. Vining a Minister in Unity, in a feeling Manner opened in this Meeting a prospect of attending in the love of the Gospel New York yearly Meeting of Friends, which being united with, he is left at liberty to pursue his prospect as Truth may direct, and the Clk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

Eber Chace requests a Certificate to enable him to proceed in Marriage with a member of Providence Mo Meeting, and we appoint Lilly Gifford & Abner Slade to prepare an essay of one, if nothing appears to obstruct; and present to our next Meeting. Richard Mitchell Clk

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 5 mo 29th 1854 Accounts are received from our preparatives and the representatives named; from Swanzey Simpson Buffinton and Barzillai Buffinton, Freetown David Shove, and Theophilus Shove, Fall River Samuel Gifford and Joseph E who are present.

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reports their attendance.

The Committee for the purpose produced the following Certificate —

" To Providence Mo Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends, Eben Chace being about to proceed in Marriage with a Member of your Meeting — This may Certify on his behalf that he is a Member of our Meeting, and on enquiry nothing appears to prevent said procedure "
— Which was approved and signed by the Clk

Our Esteemed Friend Obediah Chace now returned our Minute granted him in 2 Mo last, accompanied with satisfactory endorsements, from Dartmouth and New Bedford Monthly Meetings — held 3 Mo 22 " and 3 Mo 23 And he likewise expressed that he had been favoured to perform the visit to the peace of his own Mind, all of which is Satisfactory to us. —

Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at F River 6 mo 26th 1854

Accounts are received from each of our preparatives and the representatives therein named are from Swanzey Benjamin A. Chace, & Oliver Earl, Freetown, Nathan Chace and Asa Shove, Fall River, Asa Sherman, and William Chace, who are Present

Our Beloved Friend John L. Eddy a Minister in Unity attended this Meeting with a minute of Concurrence from Greenwich Mo Meeting of Friends held in Huron County Ohio 17 of 3 Mo 1854, and Endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Gilead Marrow County Ohio 27th of 3 Mo 1854, His Company and Gospell Labours have been acceptable to us.

Our Beloved Friend Reuben L. Roberts an Elder in Unity attended this Meeting as companion to our Friend John L. Eddy with a Minute of concurrence from Gilead Mo Meeting of Friends held at Weston in Marrow County Ohio 25 of 4 Mo 1854 his Company & Solid Deportment, has been acceptable to us, the Clerk is Directed to furnish our Friends with Copies of the above Minutes.

Was Received from Providence Monthly Mo Meeting of Friends, A removal Certificate on behalf of Daniel Robinson and his Wife Hannah C Robinson which is with the concurrence of our Womens Meeting accepted and Directed to be recorded.—

We unite with our Womens Meeting ~~Meeting~~ in the reception of a removal Certificate in favor of Joanna Thurman from Providence Mo Meeting,

Our Esteemed Jacob H. Vining now returned our Minute granted him in 4 mo last with an Endorsement from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in New York the 1st & 5th of 6 Mo 1854 expressive of his Company, and religious service being acceptable to them, and he expressed that he had been favored to perform the service to the peace of his own Mind, all of which is satisfactory to us

Our Esteemed Friend Thomas S. Gifford now returned our Minute granted him in 2 Mo last with Satisfactory returning Minutes from Sevice, Fairsburgh, and Farnham Mo Meetings and Vasselboro & Falmouth Quarterly Meetings expressing that his company was acceptable to them, which is Satisfactory to us.

It is concluded to raise one hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury, and the representatives now in attendance are requested to inform our preparative Meetings who are desired to raise their respective proportions of this sum and pay it to our Treasurer.

Richard Mitchell Clk.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset [illegible] 1854.

[illegible] the representatives [illegible] each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives therein named are, from Swansey Lilly Gifford and Abner Slade, [illegible] Phillip G. Tripp & David Shove [illegible] C. Anthony [illegible] all of whom are present except one.

The queries have been read and answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings a summary of which the Clerk is directed to forward to the Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this Minute by Abner Slade & Edmund Chase whom we appoint our Representatives.

Our esteemed Friend Hannah C. Robinson a Minister in unity, laid before this Meeting a concern that had for sometime attended her mind of visiting Smithfield Quarterly Meeting and appointing a few Meetings among Friends within its limits which was united with and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may direct.

We have received at this time Copies of the Minutes of our late Yearly Meeting, also an Address on [illegible] requested to distribute among our members.

We received at this time the report of our Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee which was satisfactory and we appoint Abner Slade, [illegible], Phillip G. Tripp & Richard Mitchell to constitute the Boarding School Committee for the ensuing year.

We appoint Simpson Buffinton [illegible] Chace, [illegible] William Chace & Daniel Chace a Committee to propose the names of some suitable Friends to serve this Meeting as Overseers & report at our next Meeting, and the same Friends are desired to report the names of Friends to serve this Meeting as Overseers of the poor.

Our Esteemed Friend [illegible] informed this Meeting that he felt a willingness to accompany our Friend Elizabeth Chace in the contemplated visit to Indiana Yearly Meeting, & some Meetings within its limits & some Meetings going & returning as way might ~~might~~ open for it, as set forth in her Certificate from [illegible] Monthly Meeting, which was united with & he is left at liberty to attend thereto he being a Member in Unity, the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

Simpson Buffinton, William Chace, Joseph Estes & [illegible] Buffinton, are appointed to confer with a similar Committee of Women Friends & propose the names of some suitable Friends as Elders of this Meeting.

Richard Mitchell Clerk

At Swansea Mo Meeting of Friends Held at Fallriver 8 mo 28 1854

Accounts are received from Each of our preparatives meetings and the Representatives are from Swansea Barzillai Buffington and Olive Earle Freetown Jervis Shove and Theophilus Shove from Fallriver Joseph Estes and Edmund Chase who are all present

The Representatives appointed to attend our late Quarterly meeting informed that they attended

The committee appointed to bring forward names of persons for overseers, Report the names of the following Friends for Overseers of this Meeting Lilly Gifford Obadiah Chase Theophilus Shove David Shove Edmund Chase and Joseph Estes

Which being approved of they are appointed to that servise for the ensuing year the women meeting concurring herein

The same committee also report the names of the following Friends for Overseers of the Poor Abner Slade Barzillia Buffington Jervis Shove Asa Shove Thomas S Gifford and William Chase

which being approved of they are appointed to that servise for the ensuing year

Our Esteemed Friend Hannah C Robinson returned at this time her Minute granted her in 7 mo Last accompanied with a satisfactory endorsment from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting Held at Bolton 8 mo 10th 1834.

She also expressed that she had been favored to performe her visit to the satisfaction and peace of her own mind all of which is satisfactory to us

Our Beloved Friend Mary Shove a minister in Unity with us Laid before this meeting a prospect that she had of accompanying Ruth Davis on a Religious visit to Salem Monthly Meeting and the families constituting the same

Which was united with and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may direct

A number of Copies of the London General Epistles for 1833 have been Received one of which was was Read at this time to our Edification and ~~tone~~

London and are directed to be distribut amongst our members by our Representat now in attendance

Received at this time a number of memorials of Deceased Friends of New E. Y. meeting published in 1854 which are directed to be distributed among our members by our Representatives now in attendance

Asa Shove
Assistant Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 9 mo 25th 1854

Accounts being present from Each of our preparative Meetings the Representatives are in Swansey Moses Buffinton and Silas Gifford Freetown Nathan Chace and Asa Shove Fall River Mark Anthony and Ellis Gifford who are all present—

Our Treasurer informed this meeting that Fallriver preparative meeting had paid their proportion of Stock ordered in the six Mo. last

The time for which the Recorder of removal certificates was appointed having expired at this time it is concluded to reappoint Thomas D Gifford to that service for the ensuing year—

Asa Shove
Assistant Clerk

At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 10mo. 30th. 1854

Accounts being present from all our preparative Meetings the Representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade & Moses Buffinton, Freetown Jarvis Shove & David Shove, Fall River Samuel Gifford & Edmund Chace, who are present.

Abner Slade on behalf of the representatives informed that they were not prepared to report on the subject of Clerks, it is therefore Continued under their Care and they are desired to report at our next Meeting, The present Clerks are Continued for the day.

The Queries have all been read with answers to the first, second & tenth from each of our Preparative Meetings, from which a summary has been Compiled, and the Clerk is directed to forward the same to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with a Copy of this minute by William Chace, David Shove & Oliver Earl whom we appoint our representatives.

Lilly Gifford and Edmund Chace are appointed to make the necessary provision for the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and report the expense at our next Meeting.

Our Treasurer informed that Swansey Preparative Meeting had paid their proportion of stock ordered in Sixth Month last.

Our esteemed friend Thomas T. Gifford now returned our Minute Granted him in the Seventh Month last, with the following Returning Minute, Viz— Our beloved friend Thomas T. Gifford companion of Elizabeth Meader, acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a Minute of Unity and Concurrence from Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends dated 7 mo. 31st. 1854

Signed by direction and on behalf of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends held —

by adjournment from the 28th of 9th mo. to the 3: of 10th mo. inclusive 1854.

Elijah Coffin }
Mary S. Hadley } Clerks

Also similar returning Minutes from Spiceland Quarterly Meeting held 9th mo. 9th 1854 and the Northern Quarterly Meeting held 9th mo. 16th 1854. Mississinawa Monthly Meeting held 9th mo. 13th — and Back Creek Monthly Meeting held 9th mo. 14th 1854

He also expressed that the service had been performed to the peace of his own mind — all of which is satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Mary Thorne now returned our minute granted her in 8th mo. last, with the following returning Minute, viz —

At our Monthly Meeting held in the 9th mo. last, a minute of concurrence from your Meeting was produced and read on behalf of our beloved friend Mary Thorne (Companion to Ruth Davis) she being prevented from attending at that time by indisposition. With our beloved friend Ruth Davis she visited most of the families of Friends constituting this Monthly Meeting.

Her Company and religious services have been acceptable and encouraging.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 12th of 10th mo. 1854

Stephen A. Chase }
Eliza B. Boyce } Clerks

All of which is satisfactory to us.

Richard Mitchell Clk
for the Day

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held
in Somerset 11 Mo. 27th 1854

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are from Swansey Daniel Chace, & Abner Slade, Freetown David Snow & Nathan Chace, Fall River Daniel Robinson & William Chace who are present.

Abner Slade on behalf of the Representatives informed that they were united in proposing Thomas S. Gifford as Clerk, and Asa Snow for Assistant Clerk, which being approved they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended.

The Committee to make provision for our late Quarterly Meeting made the following report, viz,

"To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.
We our Committee appointed to make provision for our last Quarterly Meeting, have attended to the same and find the expence to be Twelve Dollars.

Swansey 11 Mo 27th 1854
Lemuel Chace } Committee
Lilly Gifford }"

which is accepted, and our Treasurer is directed to pay them the amount therein named, and call on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for the same.

Received the following information from the Clerk of our Quarterly Meeting, viz.

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 Mo. 2nd 1854

It was concluded to raise Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars, ($550.00) for this Meetings use, and our Monthly Meetings were requested to forward their respective proportions of this sum to H. Coom. Congdon, our Treasurer. The quota of Swansey Monthly Meeting is Sixty Six Dollars ($66.00) 12 percent

Gilbert Congdon } Clerk"

which is accepted, and our Treasurer is directed to pay the Treasurer of that Meeting the amount called for.

Our Treasurer informes that Freetown Preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered 6 mo. last.

The time for which our Treasurer was appointe
having expired, we appoint Lilly Gifford and Mose
Buffinton, to audit, and settle his a/c, propose th
name of a friend for Treasurer, and report to our next
Meeting.

Thomas G. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 12 Mo. 25th 1854.

Accounts are received from each of our sd Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Barzillai Buffinton, Freetown Philip J. Tripp, & Nathan Chace, Fall River Asa Sherma & Edmond Chace, who are present.

The Committee to audite and settle the Treasure account and for other purposes, made the following repor viz " To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and for other purposes, have attended to the same, and find in his hands Fifty Five & 63/100 Dollars, — And we would propose Abner Slade for Treasurer — We think well of the Monthly Meeting raising One Hundre Dollars to supply the Treasury.

Lilly Gifford } Committee
Moses Buffinton

Swansey 12 mo. 25th 1854

which is accepted and we appoint Abner Slade Treas-urer of this Meeting for the ensuing year, our several Pre-parative Meetings are requested to collect and forward to him their respective proportions of the sum named an the representatives now in attendance are desired to infor our Preparative Meetings hereof.

The time for which the Committee to have the ca of Funerals, was appointed having expired, it is con-cluded to reappoint the following Friends to that se-vice for the year ensuing. viz William Chace, Azariah Shove, Abner Slade, Joseph Shove, Obadiah Chace Asa Shove, Simpson Buffinton David Shove Jerv Shove, Richard Mitchell, and Hiram Buffinton, with the addition of Thomas G. Gifford appointed at th time.

Our Overseers presented the following complain against Stephen Shove. viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Stephen Shove has for some time past, so far disregarded the good order of our society, as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, and attend those of another denomination, for which he has been laboured with, but to no desired effect. He has subsiquently become united in membership with that people

12 mo. 25th 1854

Edmund Chace } Overseers
Joseph Estes }

whereupon we appoint Jacob H Vining and Thomas S. Gifford a Committee to labour with him on account thereof and report to our next Meeting.

Received from our Overseers the following complaint against Joseph A Estes viz. To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Joseph A Estes, has for some time past so far disregarded the good order of our society as to absent himselfe from our Meetings, and attend those of another denomination, for which he has been laboured with, but to no desired effect — He has recently become united in membership with that people

Edmund Chace } Overseers
12 mo. 25th 1854 Joseph Estes }

Whereupon we appoint William Chace, and Ellis Gifford, a Committee to labour with him on those accounts and report to our next Meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 1 mo. 29th 1855 —— Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey, Moses Buffinton, & Benjamin A. Chace, Freetown David Shove, & Nathan Chace. Fall River Ellis Gifford and Joseph C. Anthony, who are present except one.

Our Beloved friend Lemuel Gifford, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrance from Sandwich Monthly Meeting held 1 mo. 7th 1854, expressive of his being a minister in unity with them — his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our Esteemed Friend Jabez Wood, attended this Meeting as Companion to Lemuel Gifford, with a minute of concurance from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, his Company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings from which a summary has been compiled, and together with a copy of this minute, are directed to be forwarded to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by Edmund Chace. Lilly Gifford, and Abner Slade. whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Shove made the following report. viz —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends.

The Committee in case of Stephen Shove report, that we have had an opportunity with him in which he expressed that friends had manifested kind indulgence in his case, but did not manifest a desire longer to remain a member with friends

Jacob H. Vining } Committee
Fall River 1 mo. 29th 1855 Thomas S. Gifford }

which is accepted and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us having the concurance of our womens Meeting herein and Thomas S. Gifford is appointed to inform him of the doings of this Meeting in his case and report.

The Committee in the case of Joseph A. Estes made the following report viz-

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

We your Committee appointed at our last meeting to visit Joseph A. Estes, have attended to our appointment, and have had an interview with him and we do not find him disposed to make friend satisfaction, or longer to remain a member with us. all of which we submit to the meeting.

William Chace } Committee
Fall River 1 mo. 29th 1855 } Ellis Gifford }

which is accepted and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us. having the concurance of women friends herein and Samuel Gifford is appointed to inform him hereof and report.

The Committee appointed in 7 mo. last on the subject of Elders. report that they are united in subimiting for the consideration of this Meeting the appointment of Joseph Estes and Eunice Estes to the station of Elders. which being separately considered, is united with, and they are appointed to that station accordingly. having the concurance of our womens Meeting herein, and the Clerk is directed to inform our Quarterly Meeting hereof for its disposal.

Our Treasurer informed by receipt that he had paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our proportion of that Meetings Stock

This Meeting unites with our womens Meeting in restoring Caroline C. Bateman to her right of membership with friends

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2 mo. 26th 1855.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparati Meetings. and the representatives are from Swansey Darius Buffinton, & Lilly Gifford. Freetown Asa Shove. & Nathan Chace. Fall River Daniel Robinson, & Jacob H Vining. who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended.

The friends appointed to inform Stephen Shove and Joseph A. Estes of their disownment. reported the appointment answered.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 3 mo. 26th 1855

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives, are from Swansey Barzillia Buffinton, & Eber Chace. Freetown David Shove, & Asa Shove. Fall River Benjamin Shove, & Joseph C. Anthony, who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was offered.

The Committee continued in the 3 mo. 1854 on the subject of Births, Deaths, and Burials, not being ready to make a full report are continued, and desired to report to our next Meeting

Thomas S. Gifford } Cler

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4 mo. 2d 1855

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are from Swansey Oliver Gifford, & Abner Slade. Freetown Joseph [illegible] Tripp & Asa Shove. Fall River Joseph C. Anthony & William Chace, who are present.

The Committee on Births Deaths and Burials, make the following Report viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting.

We your Committee appointed for the purpose report, that we have rendered to the Recorder an account of all the Births Deaths and Burials, that have occurred in this Monthly Meeting for the year ending 3 mo. 26th 1855

Samuel Gifford
Benjamin A. Chace } Commit
Nathan Chace.

which is accepted, and the same friends are reappointed to that service for the year ensuing year and are desired to report to this Meeting in the 3 mo. next.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers thereto, from each of our Preparative Meetings, from which a Summary has been agreed upon which we forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute by Oliver Gifford, William Chace, Abner Slade, & Asa Shove, whom we appoint our representatives.

Swansey Preparative Meeting in this account informs that Joseph Shove, proposed publishing his intention of marriage with Joanna Potter, at the ensuing Monthly Meeting, and the following communication was then received at this time, viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.
With divine permission and your approbation we intend marriage with each other.

Joseph Shove
Somerset 4 Mo. 30th 1855 Joanna Potter

which we Notice, and desire them to wait until our next Meeting for an answer and Moses Buffinton & Barzillai Buffinton, are appointed to enquire into his clearness to proceed therein and report to our next meeting.

Our Treasurer informed that all our Preparative meetings have paid their proportions of this Meeting Stock ordered 12 Mo. last.

The Committee to call on Thomas Wilbur, for the Books and Papers Belonging to this meeting report further attention to that subject, but are not ready to make a full report. they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

Thomas S Gifford Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 5 [illegible] 1855

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Moses Buffinton, Freetown Nathan Chace & [illegible], Fall River Benjamin Shove & Mark Anthony who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reported they all attended.

The Committee in that purpose reported that nothing appeared to prevent Joseph Shove proceeding in Marriage with Joanna Potter, they having consent of surviving parents, and the womens meeting concurring herein. are theref

left at liberty to accomplish their Marriage by
keeping to our rules, and Jacob H. Vining & Lilly
Gifford, are appointed to attend the Same, see
that good order is observed, hand their Marriage
Certificate to the recorder, and report to our next
meeting.

The Committee to call on Thomas
Wilbur, for the Books and Papers, belonging
to this meeting made the subjoined report
Viz "To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Your Committee appointed in the 9 mo. 1824
to call on Thomas Wilbur the former Clerk of
this meeting for the Records of this meeting,
and all Books & Papers belonging thereto in
his possession, and continued in the 10th mo.
for further service would now report,
that they have attended to that service, and he
declines to give them up to the meeting —
all of which is respectfully submitted

Swansey 5 mo. 23rd 1825
Abner Slade }
Jervis Shove } Committee
Azariah Shove }

which is accepted, and the same Committee
(with the exception of our late friend Henry Slade
deceased) are continued, and they are desired
to represent the case to our Meeting for Suffer-
ings for their direction and advice, and report
when ready. and the Clerk is directed to furnish
them with the necessary extracts from our
Minutes.

At the request of Joseph Shove & Joanna
Potter it is concluded to Appoint a Meeting at
the house of Thomas Potter in Swansey on 5th day
the 31st Inst, at 3. o. Clock P.M. for the solem-
-nization of their Marriage, having the concurrance
of women friends herein.

Our Beloved Friend Jacob H. Vining
a Minister in unity with us, opened in this
meeting a prospect which for considerable
length of time had rested on his mind and latterly
with increasing weight, of visiting and ap-
-pointing some meetings amongst Friends in

others within the limits of this yearly Meeting including a few in the Provinces of New Brunswick and Novascotia, which being deliberately considered is united with, and he left at liberty to attend to his prospect as best wisdom may direct, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

We appoint Edmund Chace, Obadiah Chace, Ellis Gifford, and Asa Sherman a Committee to render our friend Jacob H. Vining any advice and assistance that may be necessary in the prosecution of his proposed visit

Thomas T. Gifford } Clerk

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 mo. 25th 1855

Answers are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swanzey Barzillai Buffinton & Obadiah Chace. Freetown, Theophilus Shove & Philip J. Tripp Fall River Joseph G. Anthony & Leonard Underwood, who are present.

The Committee to attend the marriage of Joseph Shove and Joanna Potter reported that they believe it was orderly conducted, and their marriage certificate has been handed to the recorder.

Our Beloved Friend Phebe Bishop attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence, from Norwich Monthly Meeting Canada West, & endorsed by Pelham Quarterly Meeting each expressive of their unity with her ministry and present religious engagements, her company and Gospel labours have been satisfactory and encouraging to us.

Our beloved friends William P. Barker and his wife Sarah T. Barker, attended this meeting as Companions to our friend Phebe Bishop with minutes of concurrance from Norwich Monthly Meeting of Friends Canada West. Their company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends now with us with copy of the minutes made on their account.

Thomas G. Gifford Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 7 the 30th 1858 — Accounts are received from each of our preparative meetings and the representatives are from Swansey Lilly Gifford & Moses Buffinton, Freetown Davis Gove & Asa Shove, Fall River Ezra Chase and Josiah Robinson, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings from which a summary has been adopted, which together with a copy of this minute, the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by Thomas G. Gifford, Obadiah Chase, Jarvis Shove whom we appoint our representatives.

We appoint Simpson Buffinton, Moses Anthony, Jarvis Shove, Eber Chase, and William Chase a Committee to confer with some suitable friends to serve this Meeting as overseers for the ensuing year, and report their names to our next Meeting. The same committee are also directed to report at the same time the names of friends for overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing.

Received at this time the annual Report of our Yearly Meeting Board in School Committee which has been read to our satisfaction and we appoint Abner Slade, Thomas G. Gifford, Asa Shove, Obadiah Chase, Job Anthony, and Jarvis Shove our School Committee for the year ensuing.

We have also received a number of Copies of extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which the representatives now present are desired to distribute amongst our members.

[illegible] unite with the women's meeting in the ac-
ceptance from Providence Monthly Meeting of a re-
moval Certificate in favour of Content [illegible]
[illegible], which is directed to be recorded.

Our Beloved Friend Obadiah Chase
opened in this meeting a prospect which has
for some time rested with weight on his
mind, to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting
of Friends in Baltimore, visit in the love of
the gospel some of its subordinate Meetings, and
if way should open for it, to appoint a few
Meetings within its limits, which being deliber-
ately considered is united with, and he left at
liberty and encouraged to pursue his prospect
as Truth may direct — he being a Minister
in unity with us and the Clerk is directed
to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Thomas G. Tripp Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
held in Fall River 5 mo 7th 1855 — Accounts
were received from each of our Preparative Mee-
tings and the representatives are from Swansey
Benjamin Buffinton, Daniel Chace; Fall Riv-
er Philip Tripp, & Nathan Chace, Somer-
set William Chace & Asa Sherman, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting
informed that they all attended.

The Committee in the case of
Overseers made the following report — viz
"To Swansey Monthly Meeting
The Committee appointed last month to propose
some suitable friends to serve as Overseers
are united in presenting Gilbert Gifford, [illegible]
Buffinton, Sampson Shove, Nathan Chace
Content Chace, [illegible] Cole, to serve in that
capacity.
[illegible] Committee
[illegible] which is accepted and the
friends therein named are appointed Overseers
of this Meeting for the year ensuing [illegible]
[illegible] Friends [illegible]

The same Committee also propose the fo[illegible] [illegible] Friends for Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year viz. Abner Slade, Benj. Buffinton, Asa Chace, Jos. C. Shove, William Chace, and Thomas T. Gifford, which being approved they are appointed to that service accordingly.

Received [illegible] copies of the London Printed Epistle for 1854 [illegible] which have been read to our satisfaction and encouragement, and the representatives now present are desired to distribute them amongst our members

Thomas T. Gifford Cl

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 9 mo. 24th 1855 —
Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives from Swansey [illegible] Slade, [illegible] Chace, Fall River Azariah Shove, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Chace & [illegible] [illegible] were all present.

This Meeting concludes to raise one hundred dollars to supply its Treasury, and each of our Preparative Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer.

As. Shove Assistant Cl

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10 mo. 27th 1855 —
Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are from Swansey [illegible] Buffinton & Moses Buffinton, [illegible] [illegible] Chace, and Philip [illegible], Fall River [illegible] Gifford & Thomas T. Gifford who are present

The Queries have been read at this time with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings a summary of which has been adopted, and the Clerk is directed to forward

tion with a copy of the minute to our ensuing Quar-
terly Meeting by William Chase, Benjamin Buffinton
and Asa Shove, whom we appoint our representatives

We appoint Moses Buffinton and Joseph Buffinton
a committee to make the usual provision for ac-
commodation of our ensuing Quarterly Meeting
and report the expense thereof to our next Meet-
ing.

Our beloved friend Jacob H Vining return-
ed at this time the minute granted him in 5 mo
last, with a satisfactory account of his visit
so far as way opened for him to proceed, ac-
companied with returning minutes from the
Quarterly meetings of Dover, Falmouth, Fairfield
and Vassalborough, also a minute from St. Albans
Monthly Meeting, each expressive of his company
and religious services being satisfactory to them
all of which is acceptable to us.

Received from our
Overseers the following complaint against
Joseph Dudley viz.

To Swansea Monthly Meeting
Dear Friends

Joseph Dudley has so far deviated
from the good order among us, as to proceed in
marriage with one not in membership with us.

Joseph Estes
Fall River 10 mo. 29th 1855 Edmund Chase } Overseers

Whereupon we appoint William Chase &
Thomas Buffinton a committee to labour with him
on that account, and report to our next meeting.

The time for which our recorder of Removal
Certificates was appointed having expired
it is concluded to reappoint Thomas J Buffinton to
that service for the year ensuing.

Our beloved friend Jacob H Vin-
ing entertaining a prospect of removing from
the limits of this meeting, requests the appointment
of a committee to advise with him on that
subject, whereupon we appoint Edmund

Chace, Thomas S. Gifford, William Chace, & Simpson Buffinton a Committee to render him such advice as way may open for in the Truth.

Thomas S. Gifford, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 11 Mo. 26th 1855. Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey Benjamin Buffinton & Daniel Chace, Freetown David Shove & Simpson Shove, Fall River Joseph C. Anthony & David Underwood, who are present except one.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant to this meeting were appointed having expired, David Shove on behalf of the representatives informed, that they were united in proposing the appointment of Thomas S. Gifford for Clerk & Asa Shove assistant Clerk, which being approved they are appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting informed they all attended.

The Committee to make provision for our Quarterly Meeting report the expence thereof Fourteen Dollars, which our Treasurer is directed to pay and call on the Treasurer of our Quarterly Meeting for the same amount.

Received from the clerk of our Quarterly Meeting the following communication relative to Stock viz —

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 mo. 14th 1855

It was concluded to raise Three Hundred Dollars for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year which our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer. The quota of Swansey Monthly Meeting is One Hundred & eight dollars ($108 no/100) 12 pr cent

From the minutes of the Meeting

Gilbert Congdon Clerk

It [illegible] appears our proportion of [illegible] Meeting Stock is [illegible] which our Treasurer is directed to pay.

The Committee in the case of Joseph [illegible], inform they have given attention to their appointment but are not ready to make a full report. They are continued, and desired to report to our next meeting.

Our beloved friend Obadiah Chace returned at this time the Minute granted him [illegible] last, and informed the visit had been performed to the peace of his own mind accompanied with satisfactory returning Minutes from the Yearly Meeting of Indiana the Quarterly Meeting of Blue River, and the Monthly Meetings of Centre & Dover within the limits of that Yearly Meeting expressive of his acceptable attendance of those meetings, all of which is to our satisfaction.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 12 Mo. 31st 1855 —
Accounts are received from each of our preparative Meetings, and the representatives are [illegible] Gifford [illegible] Gifford, [illegible] Chace, [illegible] Chace [illegible] [illegible] & Thomas S. Gifford, who are present.

The Committee in the Case of Joseph [illegible] made the subjoined report viz
"To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
The Committee in the case of Joseph [illegible] report, we have had an opportunity with him in which he manifested his attachment to our religious society, and a desire to continue a member thereof, believing him to be sincere we now submit the case to the meeting.
Fall River 12 mo. 27th 1855 William Chace } Committee
Thomas S. Gifford

Which is accepted, and he is hereby reinstated to the right of membership with us, having the concurrence of women friends herein, and [illegible] is appointed to inform him hereof and report.

The time for which our Treasurer was appointed having expired, we appoint [illegible] Buffinton, and Perry Gifford, a Committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's account, propose the name of a friend to serve this meeting as Treasurer the ensuing year and report to our next meeting.

The time for which the committee to have the care of Funerals, was appointed, having expired, it is concluded to continue the friends appointed last year to that service, with the exception of our friend Richard Mitchell deceased. viz William Chace. Azariah Shove. Abner Slade. Joseph Shove. Obadiah Chace, Asa Shove, Simpson Buffinton David Shove, Jervis Shove Hiram Buffinton and Thomas S. Gifford, with the addition of Earle Chace appointed at this time, to constitute our Funeral Committee for the year ensuing.

Our Treasurer informed that Fall River Preparative Meeting has paid its proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered 9 mo. last.

Thomas S. Gifford Clerk

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 1 Mo. 28th [illegible] Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are from Swanzey Barzillai Buffinton & Joseph Shove, [illegible] Philip S. Tripp & Jervis Shove, Fall River, Ellis Gifford & William Chace. who are present except one.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, from which a Summary has been adopted, and the Clerk is directed to forward the same to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute by Joseph C. Anthony, Abner Slade & Jervis Shove whom we appoint our representatives

The Committee to audit and settle [illegible] account and [illegible] purposes made [illegible] report, viz. "To [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends [illegible] your Committee appointed to settle with the [illegible] and for other purposes have attended to the same and find in his hands, Forty [illegible] $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars, we would propose the name of Abner Slade for Treasurer. Swansea 11 Mo. 28th 1856.

Ellis Gifford
[illegible] } Committee

which is accepted and as therein proposed we appoint Abner Slade Treasurer of this Meeting for the year ensuing.

Ellis Gifford informed that he had given [illegible] the information for which he was appointed.

Received from our Overseers the following complaint concerning David [illegible], viz. "[illegible]

David [illegible] has so far departed [illegible] good order of our Discipline as to suffer [illegible] to become involved in [illegible] to the detriment of his creditors and the [illegible] punctuality in his payments and dealing has lowered his character [illegible] and brought a grievous [illegible] Society, and upon the [illegible] profess. He was early visited and [illegible] advised to pursue a regular [illegible] course, which he refused to [illegible] own way.

of which we submit to the disposal of the Monthly Meeting.

[illegible] Edmund [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] labor with him on that account as way opens [illegible] and report to our next Meeting.

Thomas [illegible] Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2 mo [illegible] 1856 — accounts were received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade, & Moses Buffinton, Freetown [illegible], & Asa Chase, Fall River [illegible], Joseph C. Anthony, who are present except two, for one of whom a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting informed they all attended.

The Committee in the case of David Shove report that attention has been given to the subject, but they are not ready to make a final report, they are therefore continued and desired to report to our next Meeting.

Our Treasurer informed that Swansey Preparative Meeting has paid its proportion of this Meeting's Stock raised [illegible] last.

Received from our Overseers the following complaint against Azariah S. Tripp viz: —
"To Swansey Monthly Meeting now sitting
Azariah S. Tripp has disregarded the order of our discipline by proceeding in marriage with one not in membership with us
Fall River 2 mo. 25th 1856 Edmund Chace }
Joseph Estes } Overseers
whereupon we appoint Thomas S. Gifford and William Chace a Committee to labour with him on account thereof, and report to our next Meeting.

We unite with our womens meeting in receiving Sarah Elizabeth Tatter into membership with us.

We unite with women friends in furnishing Mary Chace with a removal Certificate addressed to Westport Monthly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf.

is appointed [illegible] [illegible] Thomas Gifford, Moses Buffinton, Stephen Chace, Benjamin Buf-finton & Philip [illegible], a Committee to consider the propriety of making a new apportionment of monies hereafter to be raised by our Preparative Meetings, for this Meetings use, and they are desired to report to our next making such apportionment, if in their judgment it appears necessary.

Thomas B. Gifford Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 3 mo. 31st 1856 — Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are from Swansey Lilly Gifford, & Oliver Earle, Freetown Azariah Shove & Nathan Chace. Fall River Joseph Estes, & Benjamin Shove, who are present except one for whose absence a reasonable ex-cuse was offered.

Received from the Committee in the case of David Shove the informed report Viz

To the Monthly Meeting

We the committee in the case of David Shove report, that we have had several interviews with him on the subject of the complaint to a degree of satisfaction, he appears to be sencible of the accusations brought against him and is desirous of making friends satisfaction, which we respectfully submit to the meeting.

3 mo. 31st 1856

Oliver Earle
Abner Slade
William Chace
Benjamin Buffinton

which is accepted, the Committee also presented an acknowledgement from him, and we refer the same, to our next Meeting for further consider-ation and disposal.

The Committee in the case of Azariah S. Shove made the following report viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

The Committee in the case of Azariah S. Shove report we have had a satisfactory opportunity with him in which he manifested a disposition to make friends satisfaction, and a desire to retain his right of membership, which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

Fall River 3 mo. 27th 1851 William Chase }
Thomas S. Gifford } Committee

which is accepted and he is hereby restored to his right of membership with us, having the concurrence of women friends herein, and Samuel Gifford is appointed, to inform him thereof and report.

The Committee on the subject of a New Apportionment for our Preparative Meetings, presented the following report. viz –

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting on the subject of a New Apportionment of Monies to be raised by our several Preparative Meetings, for this meetings use, are united in proposing that Swansey & Fall River Meetings each pay Forty Seven Dollars on the Hundred and that Freetown Meeting pay Six Dollars on the same amount, which we submit to the Monthly Meeting,

William Chase }
On behalf of the Committee Mos. Buffinton }

Fall River 3 mo. 27th 1851

which being approved it is concluded that the percentage therein named, shall be the quota of each of our Preparative Meetings.

We conclude to raise One Hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury and the representatives now present, are desired to inform our Preparative Meetings thereof and also of their respective proportions, and those Meetings are requested to collect that amount and pay it over to Treasurer.

The Committee on the subject of Births Deaths and Burials, made the annexed report – viz. To Swansey Monthly Meeting

We your Committee appointed for the purpose, report – that we have rendered to the Recorder an account of all the Births, Deaths & Burials, that have occured in this Monthly Meeting for the past year. Nathan Chase, Benjamin B. Ch
& Samuel Gifford, Somerset 3 mo. 31st 1851

which is accepted, and the same friends viz Nathan Chace, Benjamin A. Chace & Samuel Gifford, are continued a Committee to have the care hereof and they are desired to report to this Meeting in 2 mo. next year.

Our Treasurer informed that he has paid our proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford, Clerk.

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4 mo. 2nd [illegible] — Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swanzey Jona. Slade, Barzillai Buffinton, [illegible] Jervis Shove & Philip Buffinton, [illegible] Nathan Chace, Samuel Gifford, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a summary has been adopted which the Clerk is directed to forward, with a copy of this Minute, to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by Joseph Estes, Jervis Shove and Nathan Chace whom we appoint our representatives.

The Case of David Shove which was referred at our last meeting, has been again taken into consideration and after a time of deliberation thereon, it is concluded to refer the subject to our next Meeting for further consideration and disposal.

Samuel Gifford informed that he has given [illegible] S. Buffinton [illegible] for which he was appointed.

Jacob H. Vining has informed this Meeting that he requests a removal certificate for himself and family directed to St. Albans Monthly Meeting, wherefore we appoint Lilly Gifford, Joseph Estes, & Nathan Chace a Committee to unite with a Committee of Women Friends in preparing an Essay of one, if nothing appears to prevent and present it to our next Meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey monthly meeting of Friends held in Somerset 5 mo 26th 1836 By account received from each of our Preparative Meetings the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Barzillai Buffinton — Freetown Philip Tripp [illegible] Fall River William Chace & Asa Sherman Jr who are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was offered.

The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting informed they all attended except one who was prevented by bodily indisposition.

The case of David Chace referred at our last meeting was now again considered and after a time of deliberation thereon, it is concluded to refer the subject for further consideration to our monthly meeting in seventh mo. next.

The Committee to prepare a removal certificate for [illegible] H. [illegible] and family, report attention has been given to their appointment, but they are not ready to present a certificate at this time, they are therefore continued to that service and desired to present one to our next meeting if nothing appears to prevent.

This Meeting unites with Womens Friends in the disownment of Martha McFarland from her right of membership with Friends.

Our Treasurer informed that Freetown Preparative Meeting has paid its proportion of this meetings stock ordered 3 mo last.

Thomas T. Gifford} Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 mo 30th 1836 —

By account received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Lilly Gifford, & Moses Buffinton Freetown Azariah Shove, & Nathan Chace, Fall River Ellis Gifford, & Mark Anthony, who are present.

This Meeting unites with our womens Meeting in receiving Phebe Borden into membership with us.

Our beloved friend James Jones attended this meeting with a satisfactory minute of concurrence from China Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting, his company and religious labours have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Joseph Taber attended this Meeting as companion to our friend James Jones with a satisfactory minute of concurrence from Unity Monthly Meeting, his company and solid deportment has been acceptable to us

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends James Jones & Joseph Taber, with copies of the minutes made on their account.

The Committee to prepare a removal certificate on behalf of Jacob H. Vining and family, directed to St. Albans Monthly Meeting, presented one, which being approved by this and our Womens Meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign, and forward it to that Meeting, after due record has been made thereof

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 7 Mo. 28th 1856 — By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swanzey Abner Slade & Oliver Earle, Centre Philip J. Tripp & Nathan Chace, Fall River Edmund Chace & Thomas S. Gifford, who are present.

Asa [illegible] Assistant Clerk of this meeting having removed from our limits, Oliver Earle on behalf of the representatives proposed the name of Samuel Gifford for that service which being approved, he is accordingly appointed for the remainder of the year or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a summary thereof has been adopted, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, with a copy of this minute by Samuel Gifford, Abner Slade, and Jervis Shove whom we appoint our representatives.

The case of David [illegible] which was referred for further consideration in 8 Mo. last now claimed our attention, and it is concluded to refer the subject for further consideration to our next Meeting.

Our Treasurer informed that Freetown Preparative Meeting has paid into our Treasury Eight dollars on their proportion of the amount ordered to be raised in 7 mo. last year and that Meeting is thereby released from further payment on that amount of Stock.

We appoint Oliver Earle, Simpson Buffinton, Thomas G. Gifford, Mark Anthony, and Jervis Shove a committee to confer with suitable friends to serve this meeting as Treasurer and report their names to our next meeting — the same committee are also desired to report at the same time the names of friends for overseers of the Poor.

Received at this time the report of the Boarding School Committee which has been read and is acceptable to us, and we appoint Thomas G. Gifford, Abner Slade, Obadiah Chace, Philip J. [illegible] Samuel Gifford, to constitute our School Committee for the ensuing year.

Recd. a No. of copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which are directed to be distributed among our members by the representatives now present.

We have also received the following extracts from our last Yearly Meeting, viz.

In answering the Queries, our subordinate meetings are desired carefully to regard the advice heretofore given to be full and explicit, and the Quarterly Meetings are requested in their annual answers for this Meeting to embrace not only the information received from the Monthly Meetings at the Quarter preceding the Yearly Meeting, but also a definite statement as to the maintenance of our meetings during the year, and that they take care to preserve the answers received at the three previous Quarters, for this purpose.

The Quarterly Meetings are requested annually to communicate to this Meeting the names of all Ministers and Elders who have deceased during the year, with the time of their decease, and ages, as far as practicable. The clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this minute to subordinate meetings.

The following proposition from the Meeting for Sufferings, in relation to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders was weightily considered by this Meeting, and united with, and adopted as the discipline of our Meeting in this respect, (the women's meeting uniting therein,) viz:—

"In the appointment of Elders, the following order is to be observed:—

As these are officers of the Church at large, let the Monthly Meeting, after they have approved such as they adjudge duly anointed and qualified for that service, (the name or names having been introduced either through the preparative meeting of ministers and elders, or by a Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting for that purpose) acquaint the Quarterly Meeting therewith, who, after solidly waiting for their concurring unity, and finding nothing to hinder, are to minute the same, and acquaint the select meeting thereof; who are also to enter the appointment on their minutes, and the friends so appointed may then sit in any of our meetings of ministers and elders. Information of such appointment is to be given by the Quarterly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting, and by the Yearly Meeting, through its Clerk, to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and their names entered on the respective Records of those meetings.

The following order is to be observed in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances of any Friend in the Ministry.

Where any Friend appears in public ministry whose conversation shall be clean and blameless, and the preparative meeting for ministers and elders, within the limits of which he or she belongs, is convinced that the Lord hath called them to that weighty work, it is then to lay the same before the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, for its consideration, and when said Quarterly Meeting shall have united therein, without any record being made of its judgment, the said preparative meeting may lay the same before the Monthly Meeting, which, after weightily feeling after the mind of truth therein, and being united in approving him or her as a Minister in the Church, the same shall be recorded and sent forward in like manner as in the case of Elders.

Friends are advised in these proceedings to be weighty in their spirits and careful in their conversation, that no harm come to any from a disclosure before the time of what may be under the consideration of Friends; that all may be kept in the love and unity of the Gospel.

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk*.

which having been read, are satisfactory to us

Thomas T. Gifford Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 8 mo. 25th 1856 — By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings the representatives are from Swansey Eber & Isaac [illegible] Gifford, Freetown Nathan Chace & Benj. T. Tripp. Fall River Daniel Robinson & Jos. C. Anthony who are present.

The representatives to attend our last Quarterly Meeting informed they all attended.

The case of David Shove referred at our last meeting has again claimed our attention and being deliberatly concidered, it is concluded to refer the whole subject to all the Overseers of this meeting and they are desired to report their judgment to our next meeting.

The Committee of last month on the subject of Overseers made the following report, viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The Committee on the subject of Overseers Report we have given attention to our appointment, but are not ready to make a full report at this time, and would recommend the continuance of the present Overseers for one month and also the appointment of a Committee to take into consideration the situation of the Preparative Meeting at Newtown.

In behalf of the Committee Oliver Earle
Fall River 8 mo. 20th 1855 Jervis Shove

Which was accepted and the recommendation was entirely adopted, and we appoint Edmund Chase, Abner Slade, Nathan Chase, Obadiah Chase, David Shove, William Chase and Thomas Buffum as a Committee to unite with a simelar committee of our Womens Meeting on the subject of the stripped condition of Newtown Preparative meeting and they are desired to report to our next Meeting [illegible] in the case. We continue our committee on Overseers and they are directed to report to our next meeting.

Our Treasurer informed that Swansey Preparative Meeting has paid its proportion of this meetings stock ordered 3 mo. last.

We have received a number of copies of the London general Epistle for 1855 the reading of which is refered to our next meeting and we direct that the representatives now present distribute them among our members.

Thomas S. Gifford Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 9 mo. 27th 1856 — By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings the representatives are from Swansey Benjamin A. Chace & Simpson Buffinton, Freetown Azariah Shove & Nathan Chace, Fall River Mark Anthony & Ellis Gifford, who are present

Our Overseers to whose judgment we referred at our last meeting the case of David Shove, informed they had given the subject their careful deliberation and were united in recommending that the acknowledgment of David Shove offered to this meeting in 3 mo. last be received, which being read and united with is hereby accepted and is as follows, viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

Having suffered my pecuniary affairs to become embarrased for want of timely inspection and settlement thereof, and failing to fulfill my promises in the payment of my debts to the disability of my creditors, and in not taking the advice of my friends in relation thereto, whereby I have brought a reproach on friends and the Truth, which I am sincerely sorry for, I do hereby fully condemn myself for such neglect and earnestly desire friends to pass by my offence and continue me under their care

2 Mo. 23rd 1856 David Shove

and it is the conclusion of this Meeting to restore him to his right of membership with us, having the concurrence of women friends herein, and the Clerk is directed to inform him of the conclusion of this Meeting in his case.

This meeting unites with our womens Meeting in the disownment of Elizabeth W. Taber from her rigth of membership with us.

The Committee in the case of Freetown Preparative Meeting made the subjoined report, viz. "To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

The Committee in the case of Freetown Preparative Meeting report, we have given the subject our careful deliberation and are united in recommend-ing to the Monthly Meeting that Freetown Preparative Meeting and the Midweek Meeting on the days in which it occurs be discontinued after that Meeting has been held in 11 mo next, and that the members of it residing in Dighton be attached to Swansea Preparative Meeting and all the other members be attached to Fall River Preparative Meeting

On behalf of the Committee Edmund Chace,
Somerset 9 mo. 29th 1856 Ruth S. Buffinton

which is accepted and it is the conclusion of this meeting to discontinue that Meeting and the Mid-week Meeting when it would occur as therein recom-mended, having the concurrance of our womens meeting herein, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Preparative Meeting with a copy of this minute

The Committee on Overseers made the following report viz. To Swansea Monthly Meeting of Friends
The Committee to propose the names of Friends for Overseers of the Monthly Meeting for the ensuing year are united in proposing the following for that service viz. [illegible] Gifford, [illegible] Buffinton Nathan Chace, Joseph Estes and William Chace. We would also propose for Overseers of the Poor Abner Slade, Benjamin Buffinton, [illegible] Shove William Chace and [illegible] Gifford.

On behalf of the Committee Simpson Buffinton
Somerset 9 mo. 29th 1856 Mark Anthony

which being approved the friends therein pro-posed are appointed to those services respect-ively for the year ensuing.

Our Treasurer informed that Fall River Preparative Meeting has paid its proportion of this meetings stock ordered 3 mo. last.

It is the conclusion of this meeting to raise One Hundred Dollars to supply our Trea-sury, and the representatives now present are di-rected to inform our several Preparative Meetings thereof and they are desired to collect their respective proportions of that sum and pay it to Abner Slade our Treasurer.

We again refer the reading of the London General Epistle to our next meeting

Thomas G. Gifford Clerk

At Swansea Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10 mo 27th 1856. By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings the representatives are from Swansea [illegible] Thomas G. Gifford; from Fall River Joseph [illegible] Anthony [illegible] William Chace, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd [illegible] from each of our Preparative Meetings and a summary thereof adopted, which we forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with [illegible] by [illegible] Gifford, Nathan Chace and [illegible] Gifford, whom we appoint our representatives.

Fall River Preparative Meeting in their account inform that [illegible] proposed his intention of marriage with Elizabeth S. Anthony at this time, and we have received the following communication from them viz.

To the Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends,

With Divine permission and friends approbation, we intend marriage with each other.

[illegible] Anthony
Elizabeth S. Anthony

Fall River 10th Mo. 27th 1856

which we notice, and desire them to wait until our next Meeting for their answer.

Our Treasurer informed that friends of the late [illegible] Preparative Meeting of [illegible] have paid their proportion of the [illegible] ordered last month.

The London General Epistle for 1856 has been read at this time, and it is [illegible] satisfaction and encouragement.

We [illegible] Thomas G. Gifford [illegible]

[illegible]

solid deliberation of prop[illegible]

of this Meeting the [illegible]

in their judgment ma[illegible]

[illegible] in our religious [illegible].

The appoint[illegible]

Sile Gifford & Barzillai Buffinton [illegible]

to make the usual provision [illegible]

[illegible]

The term for [illegible]

of removal Certificates was appointed [illegible]

[illegible], it is continued to [illegible]

Gifford for that service the ensuing year.

The [illegible] reported that [illegible]

informed David Shove, that he was [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to ~~discontinue~~ [illegible]

[illegible] meeting.

Thomas G. Gifford, Clerk

At [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends [illegible]

[illegible]

Chace & Asa [illegible] Jr. who are present

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

services for the year ensuing.

Received from Uxbridge Monthly [illegible]

[illegible] certificate in [illegible]

proceeding in marriage with a member of this

[illegible]

[illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible]

Dear Friends

James Newton having [illegible] to proceed in Marriage with a Member of your Monthly [illegible] [illegible] a Certificate.
This is to certify [illegible] that he is a member [illegible] and upon [illegible] nothing [illegible] to prevent his proceeding therein.
Signed by direction & on behalf of [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible] 11 mo [illegible]

[illegible] } Clerks
[illegible] [illegible] } [illegible]

And nothing appearing to prevent James Newton from proceeding in marriage with Elizabeth W. Anthony, they having produced consent of surviving parents and her [illegible] [illegible] therefore leave them at liberty to accomplish their marriage [illegible] Edmund Chase [illegible] [illegible] appointed to have the care thereof, hand their Marriage Certificate to the recorder and report to our next Meeting.

We have received the following communication from James Newton & Elizabeth W. Anthony Viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
This may inform you that [illegible] [illegible] John [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Anthony, on third day 2[illegible] of 11 mo [illegible] P.M.

James Newton
Elizabeth W. Anthony

which being deliberately considered we consented to grant their [illegible] appointed a meeting for the solemnizing their marriage at the house of [illegible] Anthony in Fall River tomorrow the 20th inst at 1 P.M. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] is directed to pay and call

the Treasurer of our Quarterly Meeting for the same amount.

Received from the Clerk of our Quarterly Meeting the following communication

[illegible]

[illegible] Friends, held at Somerset 11 mo. 6th 1856
It was concluded to raise Four Hundred Dollars by this Meeting which our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to [illegible] Congdon our Treasurer, the quota of [illegible]
[illegible]

From the minute of the Meeting
[illegible] Congdon

by which it appears our quota of that Meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 12 mo. 24th 1856
By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings the representatives are from Swansey Hiram Buffinton & Benjamin Buffinton, Fall River Joseph C. Anthony, Edmund Chase, who are present

The Committee to have the care of James [illegible] and Elizabeth F. Anthony Marriage report that it was orderly conducted and their Marriage Certificate handed to the recorder

The time for which our Committee to have the care of Funerals was appointed having expired, we appoint Abner Slade Hiram Buffinton, William Chase, Nathan Chase, Mark Anthony, Samuel R. Buffinton Thomas [illegible], Azariah Shove, Moses Buffinton, Joseph Shove, & Benjamin A. Chase, to constitute our Funeral Committee for the ensuing year.

We are informed that David Shove, and his wife Mary Shove, have removed, to reside within the limits of Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass and they request our Certificate whereupon we appoint Joseph C. Anthony, Nathaniel and Joseph Estes, a Committee, to unite with a similar Committee of our womens Meeting, in preparing an essay of one if nothing appears to obstruct and present it to our next Meeting.

Our Treasurer informed that Fall River Preparative Meeting has paid its proportion of this Meetings stock ordered 7th mo. last.

The Committee on burial ground appointed 12 mo. 1852 are continued, and Nathan Chace is added to that Committee in the place of David Shove, removed from the limits of this Meeting, and they are desired to give further attention to the subject and report to our next meeting their Judgment as to what it will be proper and expedient for this meeting to do in the cases under their care.

Thomas B. Gifford, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 1 Mo. 26th 1857 — By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are [illegible] Gifford [illegible] Chase [illegible] Joseph Estes [illegible] Gifford, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, a summary of which has been adopted, and the Clerk is directed to forward the same to our next Quarterly Meeting, with a copy of this minute by [illegible] Chase, Samuel Gifford Jr & Edmund Chase who are appointed our representatives [illegible] desired to pay to [illegible] our proportion of [illegible] last.

The Committee for that purpose presented a [illegible] directed to Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Mass., which being approved by this and our womens Meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and forward it as directed as soon as it has been recorded.

We are informed by receipt from our Treasurer that Swansey Preparative Meeting has paid its proportion of this meetings Stock ordered 7th mo. last.

The Committee on burial grounds not being ready to make a full report, are continued, and they are desired to report in 4 mo. next.

We unite with our women friends in the reception of a removal Certificate on behalf of Aley A. Remington from New York Monthly Meeting of Friends, which is directed to be recorded.

The time for which our Treasurer was appointed having expired, we appoint Barzillai Buffinton and Obadiah Chase a Committee, to audit and settle the Treasurers account — propose the name of a friend to serve this meeting as Treasurer and report to our next meeting.

We appoint Moses Buffinton Thomas G. Gifford, Edmund Chace, Oliver Earl, and Mark Anthony a committee to make a new apportionment of this Meetings Stock between our two Preparative meetings, and report to our next meeting.

Thomas G. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2 mo. 28th 1867 — By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings: The representatives are from Swansey, Joseph Thomas G. Moses Buffinton, Fall River Benjamin Chace & Samuel Gifford, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The Committee to audite and settle the Treasurers account and for other purposes, made the following report viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
We your Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers account and for other purposes report that we have attended to our appointment and find a Ballance in his hands of Three Dollars & Thirty cents. We propose the name of Abner Slade for Treasurer for the ensuing year

Barzillai Buffinton } Com
Obadiah Chace

Swansey 2 mo. 17th 1867

which is accepted, and we accordingly appoint Alon Slade Treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing.

The Committee on a New apportionment of this Meetings Stock, made the subjoined report, viz—

The Committee on the subject of a new apportionment appointed at our last Meeting report that we are united in recommending that Swansey Preparative Meeting pay Forty Six Dollars, and Fall River Preparative Meeting pay Fifty Four Dollars, on the One Hundred Dollars which we submit to Meeting.

on behalf of the Committee — Moses Buffinton
Mark Anthony

Fall River 2 mo. 23rd 1851

which is accepted and it is concluded that the Per centage therein named, shall be the quota of each of our Preparative Meetings.

Our Treasurer informed that he had paid our proportion of this Meetings Stock (ordered 11 Mo Last) to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

We conclude to raise one hundred dollars to supply our Treasury and appoint Moses Buffinton, Samuel Chace, Ellis Gifford, Philip [illegible] & Mark Anthony a Committee to collect that amount and pay it over to our Treasurer and report.

We direct our Overseers to procure an effecting Insurance on our Meeting houses in Fall River and Tiverton, for such amounts as in their judgment may appear best, call on our Treasurer for the expense, and report when accomplished.

John Russel and Charles H. Swift having removed to reside within the limits of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, we therefore appoint Thomas T. Gifford, Joseph Estes and Samuel Gifford a Committee to prepare Essays of Certificates for such if nothing appears to obstruct and present them to our next meeting. Thomas T. Gifford Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 3 Mo. 30th 1857 — By accounts received fro each of our Preparative Meetings. the representatio are from Swansey Barzillia Buffinton. & Obadiah Ch Fall River Asa Sherman Jr. & Nathan Chace. who ar present.

The Committee to prepare Essays of removal Certificates on behalf of John Russel, & Charles H. Swi — presented one in favour of John Russel. directed, to New Bedford Monthly Meeting, which being approved by this and our womens Meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf. and forward as directed after it has been recorded — The Committee ar continued in the case of Charles H Swift. Certificat and they are desired to report when ready.

We unite with our womens Meeting in the disownment of Lydia Ann Austin. from her right of Membership with us.

The Committee for that purpose appointed 3 mo. last year. made the following repor which is satisfactory .viz.

" To Swansey Monthly Meeting

We your Committee appointed for the purpose report, that we have rendered to the recorder an account of all the Births. Death and Burials. which have occured within the limit of this monthly Meeting for the past year.

Somerset 3 Mo. 30th 1857

" On behalf of the Committee } Benjamin A. Cha

and we continue the friends now under appointm viz Nathan Chace. Samuel Gifford & Benjamin A. Chac to give further attention to this subject and report in 3 Mo. next year.

Received from our Overseers the following Complaint against Leonard Wood viz

To the Monthly Meeting now sitting

Leonard Wood. has for some time past been attending the Ball-room, and participating in the frivolous amusements of the dance. contrary to the good order of our wholsome discipline = he has been visited ther-for and endeavours were used to convince him of th folly of his course; but his mind appeared fixed or continuing therein. desiring the monthly Meeting to make a minute of denial in his case without any further labour all of which is submitted to the Meeting

Fall River
3 mo. 30th 1857

Joseph Estes } Overseers
Wm Chace

We conclude to refer the case to our next meeting. for further concideration, and disposal

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4 Mo. 27th 1857 — By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings. the representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade & Lilly Gifford. Fall River Joseph Estes & Earle Chace. who are present.

Our Beloved Friend Lemuel Gifford attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrance from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of friends. Mass. expressive of their unity with his ministry and present religious engagements. his company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us. and the Clerk directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting. with Answers thereto. from each of our Preparative meetings. a Summary thereof has been approved. which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute by Edmund Chace. Moses Buffinton and Obadiah Chace. whom we appoint our representatives

The case of Leonard Wood refered at our last meeting. claimed our attention at this time and being deliberately concidered. it is our judgment. that further labour in his case is unnecessary therefore we conclude to deny him his right of membership with us. having the concurrance of women friends herein. and Samuel Gifford is appointed to inform him hereof and report.

The Clerk reported that he has received Seven Copies of the New Edition of our Book of Discipline. Reprinted by direction of our Yearly Meeting in 1856 — ~~one~~ of which has been furnished to each of the Clerks within the limits of this Monthly Meeting.

Received from our Overseers the following complain
against Daniel Chace 2ond viz —
To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Daniel Chace 2ond has so far disregarded friends rules as to keep company and Marry one not a Member of our society, all of which we submit to the Monthly Meeting.

Swansey 4 mo. 27th 1857
Lilly Gifford
Moses Buffinton } Overseers

whereupon we appoint Obadiah Chace & Abner Slade, a Committee to labour with him on account thereof and report to our next meeting.

Oliver Earle, on behalf of the committee appointed in 10 mo. last year on the subject of Elders proposed the appointment of Thomas S. Gifford to the Station of an Elder, which was united with by this and our womens Meeting, and he is accordingly appointed to that station, which we forward to the disposal of our Quarterly Meeting.

Our Committee on burial grounds not being ready to make a full report, are continued and they are desired to report to our next meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford, Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 5 mo. 25th 1857 —— By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meeting, the representatives are from Swansey Hiram Buffinton & Daniel Chace. Fall River Mark Anthony. & Leonard Underwood. who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting informed they all attended, except one whose absence was satisfactorily accounted for.

Samuel Gifford reported the appointme answered in the case of Leonard Wood

The Committee in the case of Daniel Chace 2ond reported as follows viz
To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends,
We the Committee in the Case of Daniel Chace 2ond report, that we hav had an opportunity with him on the subject of the Complaint to satisfaction, he appears desirous to satisfy friends and be retained under their care, which we submit to the meeting

Swansey 5 Mo. 25th 1857
Abner Slade
Obadiah Chace } Committe

which is united with and accepted, and we conclude to restore him to his right of Membership with us. having the concurrance of our womens meeting herein, and Lilly Gifford is appointed to inform him hereof.

The Committee on Burial Grounds not being ready to make a full report are continued and they are desired to report to our next Meeting.

Our Treasurer informed that the Committee for that purpose, have Collected and paid into his hands One Hundred Dollars. ordered 2 mo. last.

We conclude to raise One Hundred & Fifty Dollars to supply our Treasury. and the representatives now present, are directed to inform our Preparative Meetings hereof, who are requested to collect their respective proportions of that sum and pay it over to our Treasurer

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 mo. 29th 1857 — By the accounts Received from each of our Preparative Meetings. the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Barzillai Buffinton Fall River Nathan Chace & Ellis Gifford who are present.

Lilly Gifford reported the appointment answered as it relates to Daniel Chace 2nd.

The Committee on Burial Grounds, report some attention given to their appointment and that they are not ready to make a full report. we therefore continue them to that service. and they are desired to report in 8 mo. next

Our Overseers, agreeable to direction given them in 2 mo. last. have obtained Policys of Insurance on our Meeting Houses in Fall River & Freetown as appears by the subjoined report, which is accepted and is as follows viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting
Pursuant to instructions received from this Meeting
we have proceeded to effect Insurance on our
Meeting House in Fall River At the Bristol Co
Mutual Office, for Seven Years to the amount
of 2.500 Dollars at an expence of $15.~ 5 pr ct.
on our premium note of $300.~ the rate of Insur
-ance being 12 per cent.
We have also effected Insur-
-ance on our Meeting House in Freetown at
the Quincy Office to the amount of $500 for
5 years = at an expence of 16 Dollars. less the
Dividend accruing to us in the adjustment of
our previous Insurance at this Office of 3.75
the Bal. $12.25. together with the above $15.
has been paid by the Treasurer of this Meeting
on behalf of the Overseers

Joseph Estes—
Fall River 6 mo. 29th 1857
Thomas S. Gifford } Cler

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
held in Somerset 7 mo. 27th 1857 ——
By the accounts received from each of our
Preparative Meetings, the representatives are fro
Swansey Lilly Gifford & Benjamin A. Chace Fall
River Joseph C. Anthony & Joseph Estes who ar
present except one, whose absence was satisfacto
rily accounted for.

Our beloved friend Jonah Hole attended
this Meeting with a minute of concurrance fro
Alum Creek Monthly Meeting endorsed by
Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting, State of Ohio —
his company and Gospel labors have been
acceptable to us, and the Clerk directed to
furnish him with a copy of this minute

Our beloved friend Sarah Hole an Elder attended
this Meeting as companion to ~~her husband~~
Jonah Hole with a minute of concurrac
from Alum Creek Monthly Meeting of fri
Ohio, her company has been acceptable

to us, and the Clerk, directed to unite with the Clerk of our womens Meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a summary thereof has been adopted, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, together with a copy of this minute by Lilly Gifford, Joseph C. Anthony, and Thomas S. Gifford whom we appoint our representatives.

Received the Report of the Boarding School Committee which being read, is satisfactory and we appoint Joseph Estes, Abner Slade & Thomas S. Gifford, our school Committee for the year ensuing.

We have also received the following Minute from our last Yearly Meeting explanitory of an article in our Discipline on the subject of making additions to our Meeting of Ministers, and Elders which is satisfactory viz

> On reading the Records of this Meeting for last year, our attention was turned to a portion of the discipline adopted last year as to the manner of making additions to our meetings of Ministers and Elders, and it was agreed as the understanding and decision of this Meeting, that after such appointment by a Monthly Meeting has been confirmed by the Quarterly Meeting, that such friend, whether Minister or Elder, may then sit in all our select Meetings, without waiting for the information to have been first communicated to those meetings, by the Quarterly Meeting—and the Clerk is directed to transmit this Minute to our subordinate meetings.
>
> From the Minutes of the Meeting.
>
> SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

Received at this time 110 copies of Extracts from the Minutes of our Yearly Meeting for the present year and the representatives now present are desired to distribute them amongst our members

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 8 Mo. 31st 1857 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparativ Meetings the representatives are from Swanse Oliver Earle. & Simpson Buffinton. Fall River Danie Robinson. & Nathan Chace. who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting. report they all attended.

We have recieved 116 copie of the London general Epistle for 1856 = one of whic has been read to our comfort and encouragmen and we commend its valuable contents to the careful attention of friends. — the representative now present are desired to distribute then amo our members.

The Committee on Burial Grounds continued in 6 Mo. last. report further attention given to the subject, but not being prepared to make a full report, are continued and they are desired to report to our next meeting.

Recd. from our Overseers the following complaint against Benjamin S. Shove viz —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Frien

Dear Friends

Benjamin S. Shove has for a lon time manifested entire indifferen in regard to the maintainance of our christian discipline, by the entire neglect of our Meetings both for worship and discipline. he has been admonished for his delingincy. but without any satisfactory result. He has also recently married one not in membership with us all of which we submit to the meeting

Joseph Estes }
Fall River 8 mo. 31st 1857 William Chace } Overseers

Whereupon we appoint Mark Anthony & Joseph C. Anthony. a Committee to labor with him on those accounts and report thereon. to our next Meeting.

We appoint Philip J. Tripp Simpson Buffinton. Mark Anthony & Eber Chace a Committee to confer with suitable friends to serve this meeting as Overseers, and report them to our next meeting — The same committee are also desired to report the names of Friends for Overseers of the Poor.

Thomas G. Gifford} Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 9 mo. 28th 1857 — By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Obadiah Chace & Moses Buffinton Fall River, Asa Sherman Jr. & Joseph C. Anthony. who are present.

Our beloved friend James McLaughlin attended this Meeting with a minute of concurance from China Monthly Meeting, expressive of their unity with his ministry and present religious engagements. his company and gospel labors, have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Joseph Taber attended this Meeting, as companion to James McLaughlin with a minute of concurance from Unity Monthly Meeting expressive of his being an Elder in unity with them, his company and sollid deportment have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends now with us, with copies of the minutes made on their behalf.

The Committee on burial Grounds made the following report viz —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.
We your committee appointed some time since to see what would be the probable expence to enclose our buring lots have attended to our appointment, and find that the one at Freetown can be enclosed with a decent stone wall. 4 feet high, for five dollars per rod, it will take about 13 Rods to enclose all the graves, and we recommend to the Meeting that they be enclosed with such a wall. The one at Taunton, we recommend enclosing as much of the lot as will take in all the graves, the probable Expence $25.— with a Quit Claim Deed of the remainder, Except in front of the graves which we think best for friends to retain, which we submit to the meeting. Abner Slade for the Co

Which is accepted, and we continue the same committee under appointment, and they are requested to hav the lots therein named enclosed agreeable to the report and our Overseers are directed to sign a Quit Claim Deed as proposed, the committee are autherised to draw on our Treasurer for the expence and report when accomplished.

The Committee in case of Benjamin S. Shove, not being ready to report are continued, and desired to report to our next Meetin

The Committee on overseers made the subjoined report. viz ——

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends.

The Committee of last Month appointed to brin in the names of friends for Overseers, and also for Overseers of the Poor, are united in recommen-ing the following friends for Overseers. Lilly Giffo Moses Buffinton. William Chace, Joseph Estes & Nathan Chace, and for Overseers of the Poor Abner Slade, Barzillai Buffinton, Wm Chace Thomas S. Gifford & Jervis Shove.

On behalf of the Committee
Somerset 9 mo. 28th/57 Simpson Buffinton

which is accepted and the friends therein named bein approved, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year, women friends uniting here

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10 mo. 26th 1857 — By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Barzillai Buffinton, & Abner Slade, Fall River Wm Chace & Ellis Gifford, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, and summary thereof adopted, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute by Simpson Buffinton, Joseph C. Anthony & Joseph Estes, whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee in the case of Benjamin S. Shove made the following report, viz—

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
We your committee in the case of Benjamin S. Shove, have had an opportunity with him, and he does not appear to be in a state of Mind to make friends satisfaction, neither does he wish to be retained a member of our religious society. all of which we submit to the Meeting

Joseph C. Anthony }
Mark Anthony } Committee
Fall River 10 mo. 26th 1857

which is accepted, and it is the conclusion of this Meeting to deny him his right of membership with us. having the concurance of women friends herein and Wm Chace is appointed to inform him hereof and report.

We appoint Benjamin S. Earle & Lilly Gifford a Committee to make the usual provision for our ensueing Quarterly Meeting and report the expence to our next Meeting.

The time for which our recorder of Removal Certificates was appointed, having expired, it is concluded to reapoint Thomas G. Gifford to that service for the year ensueing

Thomas G. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 11th mo. 30th 1857

Accounts are recieved from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are from Swansea — Moses Buffinton & Hiram Buffinton; Fall River - William Chace & Joseph C. Anthony, who are present.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired; William Chace on behalf of the Representatives informed, that they were united in proposing the name of Thomas G. Gifford for Clerk and Samuel Gifford for Assistant Clerk, which being approved by the Meeting they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing Year.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended,

William Chace reported the appointment answered in the Case of Benjamin S. Shove,

The Committee to provide for our late Quarterly Meeting reported the expense to be Eight Dollars, which our Treasurer is directed to pay, and Call on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for the same amount,

Received from the Clerk of our Quarterly Meeting the following communication in relation to stock — viz!

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 mo: 5th: 1857

It was concluded to raise Four Hundred & fifty dollars for the use of this Meeting which our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to Freeborn Congdon our Treasurer, the quota of Greenwich Monthly Meeting is fifty four dollars ($54) twelve per cent,

from the Minutes of the Meeting — Gilbert Congdon — Clerk,"

By which it appears that our proportion called for is fifty four dollars ($54) which our Treasurer is directed to pay,

Received through the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting a number of Copies entitled, "a Salutation in the love of Christ from the Yearly Meeting of London to all who bear the name of Friends," and our representatives are desired to distribute the same,

Our Treasurer informed that each of our Preparative Meetings had paid their proportion of Stock ordered in fifth Mo last,

Our beloved friend Hannah C. Robinson a Minister in Unity with us, in a weighty manner opened in this meeting a prospect that had for a considerable length of time rested on her mind, of attending the Monthly Meetings of Smithfield and Uxbridge — and also of visiting most of the families in the former, and some in the latter Monthly Meeting, which is united with by this Meeting and she left at liberty to pursue the prospect as truth may direct,

Samuel Gifford Assistant Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 12 Mo. 28th 1857 — Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are from Swansey Moses Buffinton & Azariah Shove, Fall River Mark Anthony, & Ellis Gifford, who are present.

The time for which our Committee to have the care of Funerals was appointed having expired we conclude to reappoint the following friends, viz Abner Slade, Hiram Buffinton, William Chace, Nathan Chace, Mark Anthony, Samuel R. Buffinton, Thomas S. Gifford, Azariah Shove, Moses Buffinton, Joseph Shove, & Benjamin A. Chace, to that service for the ensueing year

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 1 Mo. 25th 1858 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade, & Simpson Buffinton, Fall River Thomas S. Gifford, & Joseph C Anthony, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a summary thereof adopted which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensueing Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this minute by Mark Anthony, Edmund Chace & Abner Slade whom we appoint our representatives.

We appoint Hiram Buffinton, Samuel Gifford, Thomas S. Gifford & Moses Buffinton, a Committee to consider the subject of a new apportionment of this Meetings Stock to our Preparative Meetings, and report to our next Meeting their judgment in the case

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2 Mo. 22nd 1858. — By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Lilly Gifford, & Darius Buffinton. Fall River. Joseph Estes & Leonard Underwood, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting on the subject of a new apportionment made the following report — viz —

"To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting on the subject of a New apportionment of this Meetings Stock, are united in recommending to the Monthly Meeting that Fall River Preparative Meeting (Including Friends at Freetown pay Fifty Two Dollars and that Swansey Preparative Meeting pay Forty Eight Dollars, on the One Hundred Dollars.
which we submit to the Meeting

On behalf of the Committee Moses Buffinton }
Fall River 2 mo 22nd 1858 Samuel Gifford }"

which is accepted, and the propositions therein name adopted, by this meeting.

It is the conclusion of this Meeting to raise One Hundred Dollars to supply our Treasur and we appoint Moses Buffinton. Philip J. Tripp. Leonard Underwood, Thomas S. Gifford Benjamin A. Chace, Hiram Buffinton & Mark Anthony. to colle the amount called for, and pay it over to our Treasure

The time for which ou Treasurer was appointed, having expired we appoint Lilly Gifford, and Moses Buffinton a Commitee to audit, and settle the Treasurers account. propose the name of a Friend as Treasurer for the ensuing year. and report to our next Meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 3 mo. 29th 1858 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Benjamin A. Chace & Simpson Buffinton, Fall River Edmund Chace & Joseph C. Anthony, who are present.

The Committee to audit the Treasurers account and for other purposes, made the subjoined report viz. To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer have attended to the same, and find in his hands Twelve Dollars and 25/100 and we propose the name of Abner Slade for Treasurer.

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Swansey 3 Mo. 29th 1858
Lilly Gifford
Moses Buffinton } Committee

Which is satisfactory and we accordingly appoint Abner Slade Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Births, Deaths & Burials, made the following Report, viz To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your Committee appointed for the purpose Report, that we have rendered to the recorder, an account of all the Births Deaths & Burials, that have occured within the limits of this Monthly Meeting, for the past year.

Swansey 3 Mo. 29th 1858

On behalf of the Committee } Benjamin A. Chace

which is satisfactory, and we reappoint the following friends viz Nathan Chace, Samuel Gifford, and Benjamin A. Chace, to give further attention to the subject and they are directed to report to this Meeting in 3d Mo. next year.

We unite with our Womens Meeting in the disownment of Louis A. Slade from her right of membership with us.

Our Beloved Friend Hannah C. Robinson, returned at this time the minute granted her in 11th Mo. last accompanied with a satisfactory returning minute from Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends. she also informed that she had attended to what she had in prospect to the peace of her own mind, all of which is satisfactory to us

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4 Mo. 26th 1858 – By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Barzillia Buffinton & Simpso Buffinton. Fall River Ellis Gifford & Joseph Estes. who are present.

Our beloved friend Newell Hoxie attended this Meeting with a minute of concurance from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass. Expressive of his being a Minister in unity and good esteem with them, his company and gospel labors have been satisfactory to us.

Our beloved friend David Kelley attend-ed this Meeting as Companion to our friend Newell Hoxie with a minute of concurance from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing that he was an Elder in unity with them, his company and solid deportment, have been satisfactory to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends Newell Hox and David Kelley, with copies of the minutes made on their account, as it relates to each.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from each of our Preparativ Meetings, and a summary thereof adopted, which with a copy of this minute, and any necessary extracts f our minutes, the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by our friends Ellis Giffor Thomas G. Gifford & Obadiah Chace, whom we appoint our representatives.

Received from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends a Removal Certificate in favour of Abram T. Barker, which is approved, and directed to be recorded, women friends concuring herein.

We are informed that our Select Preparative Meeting, are united in proposing to this Meeting the appointment of Abner Slade, to the station of Elder – which being considered is united with, and he appo-ted to that station, having the concurance of our women Meeting herein, which we forward for the disposal of the Quarterly Meeting.

We are informed that our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our proportion of that Meetings Sto

Our beloved friend Hannah C. Robinson a Minister in unity with us, informed this meeting that she had for some length of time, and laterly with increasing weight. felt a concern to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Friends in New York, which being deliberately concidered is united with and she left at liberty to proceed therein as Truth may direct, the clerk is desired to unite with the Clerk of our womens Meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this. and we appoint William Chace. Edmund Chace & Thomas S. Gifford a Committee to render her any advice and assistance that may be needed.

Thomas S. Gifford} Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 5th Mo. 31st 1858 = By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Benjamin A. Chace & Moses Buffinton Fall River William Chace & Daniel Robinson, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting, inform they all attended.

Our Treasurer informed, that the Committee of 2nd Mo. last, to Collect One Hundred Dollars have attended to their appointment, and paid him that amount.

Thomas S. Gifford} Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 Mo. 28th 1858 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Lilly Gifford & Simpson Buffinton, Fall River Joseph C. Anthony & Samuel Gifford, who are present.

Our Committee on Burial Grounds continued in 9 Mo. last, made the annexed report

" To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

The Committee appointed some time since to have our Burial Grounds decently enclosed have attended

to our appointment, and the one at Norton is en-
-closed with a wood fence the one at Freetown
with a stone wall at five Dollars per Rod, there bein
Sixteen Rods which amounts to Eighty Dollars
with which the committee are satisfied

On behalf of the Committee
Fall River 6 mo. 28th 1858 William Chace

which is adopted and approved by this meeting.

Our beloved friend Hannah C. Robins
returned at this time the Minute granted her in
4 mo. last, accompanied with a satisfactory re-
-turning minute from the Yearly Meeting of Minis-
-ters, and Elders, held in New York, she informed
that she had attended to what she had in prospec
to the peace and satisfaction of her mind, all
of which is acceptable to us.

We conclude to raise one Hundred Dollars
to supply our Treasury, and the representativ
now in attendance, are directed to inform our
Preparative Meeting hereof, and they are reque-
-ted to collect their respective proportions of
that sum, and pay the same to our Treasurer

Thomas S. Gifford} Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
held in Somerset 7 mo. 26th 1858 — By the
accounts received from each of our Preparati
Meetings, the representatives are from Swan-
-sey Abner Slade & Lilly Gifford. Fall River
Earle Chace & Edmund Chace, who are presen

The Queries have
been read in this meeting with Answers
to the 1st, 2nd, & 10th from each of our
Preparative Meetings, and a summary
thereof adopted which the Clerk is directed
to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meetin
together with a copy of this minute by
our friends, Lilly Gifford, Thomas S. Gifford, &
Abner Slade, whom we appoint our representati

Received and read at this time the Repor
of the Boarding School Committee, which is

satisfactory, and we appoint Abner Slade, Hiram Buffinton, Thomas S. Gifford, Obadiah Chace & Samuel Gifford, our School Committee for the ensueing year.

Recd. 125 Copies of Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting. and the representatives now in attendance are desired to distribute them among our members.

Our beloved friend Obadiah Chace a Minister in unity with us opened in this Meeting a prospect, which for a considerable length of time had rested on his mind of attending and appointing some Meetings within the limits of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, and if way should open for it to attend and appoint some Meetings in Salem Quarterly Meeting, which being deliberately considered is united with and he left at liberty, and encouraged to persue his prospect, as best wisdom may direct, women friends uniting herein, the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute, signed on our behalfe.

Recd. from the Clerk of New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends. the following communication relative to Benjamin Anthony request to be received into Membership with friends — viz

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting held 6 mo. 24th 1858 — The Clerk is directed to inform Swansey Monthly Meeting that we propose to receive Benjamin Anthony into membership with us provided there is no objection on their part, as he was formerly a member of, and was disowned by that Meeting

To Swansey Mo. Meeting
Dear friends,

Above we forward copy of a Minute made at our last Meeting. for your consideration, — which we believe is in accordance with our discipline, please inform us with your conclusion

we are truly your friends
Charles R. Tucker } Clerk

whereupon the Clerk is directed to inform tha Monthly Meeting, that we have no objection to their receiving Benjamin Anthony into membership with them, and sign the same on our behalf.

Thomas S. Gifford} Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 8 mo. 30th 1858 By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade, & Barzilla Buffinton, Fall River Nathan Chace & Asa Sherman Jr, who are present.

The representative to our last Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

Received from our late Quarterly Meeting 120 Copies of the London General Epistle for 1857 – one of which has been read to our comfort and encouragement, and the representatives now present are desired to distribute them amongst our members.

We are informed that Jacob H. Haviland proposes Publishing his intentions of Marriage with Elizabeth R. Shove at this time, and we have received the following communication from them viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting
With Divine permission and Friends approbatio we intend marriage with each other
Fall River 8 mo. 30th 1858 Jacob H. Haviland
Elizabeth R. Shove

which we notice, and desire them to wait until our next Monthly Meeting for an Answer.

We unite with our womens Meeting, in the reception of a removal Certificate from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends, in favour of Ellen M. Barker.

We appoint Joseph C. Anthony, Abner Slade, Simpson Buffinton & Ellis Gifford, a Committee to confer with suitable friends to serve this Meeting as Overseers, and report them to our next Meeting, the same Committee are directed to report next Month, friends for Overseers of the Poor.

Our Treasurer informes that Fall River Preparative Meeting has paid its proportion of Stock ordered 6th Mo. last

Thomas G. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 9th Mo. 27th 1858 —— By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings the representatives are from Swansey Daniel Chace & Simpson Buffinton. Fall River Ellis Gifford & Edmund Chace, who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given

Recd. from Oblong Monthly Meeting of Friends the following Certificate in favour of Jacob H. Haviland, proceeding in Marriage viz ——

"To the Monthly Meeting of Swansey
Dear Friends

Jacob H. Haviland, requested a Certificate on account of Marriage, directed to your Meeting, this is to certify that he is a member of our Religious Society, and on enquiry we find he is clear of Marriage engagements amongst us We recommend him to your friendly regard in the accomplishment of this important engagement and are your friends

Signed in and on behalf of Oblong Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Oblong Dutchess County N.Y. the 13 of 9 mo. 1858

By Richard T. Osborn } Clerk

Paul Osburn } Correspondent

he has also produced the consent of his surviving Parent, and our womens Meeting inform that they find nothing to prevent Jacob H. Haviland, and Elizabeth R. Shove proceeding in marriage with each other —— they are therefore left at liberty to accomplish their intended Marriage, by keeping to our rules, and we appoint Ellis Gifford & Abner Slade, to have the care thereof, hand their Marriage Certificate to the recorder, and report to our next Meeting

We have received the following communication fro them viz. "To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

This may inform you that for the solomnizatio of our Marriage we request you to appoint a Meetin at the residence of Elizabeth R. Shove, on Fourth day the 6th of 10 mo. next at 2½ O clock P.M.

Jacob H. Haviland
Fall River 9 mo. 27th 1858 Elizabeth R. Shove

which is accepted, and their request granted and we have appointed a Meeting for that purpo as therein proposed, on fourth day the 6th of next Mo. (at the residence of Elizabeth R. Shove Fall River) at 2½ O. Clock P.M. having the concurran of women friends herein

We unite with our womens Meeting in furnis-ing Huldah Gifford 2nd with a removal Certifica directed to Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass., and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf.

The Committee of last Mo. on Overseers inform that they have given attention to the subject, but are not ready to make a full report. they are therefore continued, and desired to report to our next Meeting, and we continue all of our present Overseers to their respective servises until a new appointment

Our Treasurer informs that Swansey Preparative Meeting has paid its proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered 6 mo. last.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10 mo. 25th 1858 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparativ Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton, & Eber Chace. Fall River Thomas S. Gifford, & Mark Anthony, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2ond & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a summary thereof approved, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensueing Quarterly Meeting, together with a copy of this minute by our friends Abner Slade, Mark Anthony, Edmund Chace & Nathan Chace, whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee to have the care of the Marriage of Jacob H Haviland, & Elizabeth R. Shove, report, that it was orderly conducted and their Marriage Certificate handed to the recorder.

The committee on Overseers, made the subjoined report, viz, To the Monthly Meeting
The Committee to select names to serve as Overseers propose the following viz for Swansey Preparative Meeting Lilly Gifford & Moses Buffinton, for Fall River Joseph Estes, William Chace & Nathan Chace. and for Overseers of the Poor Abner Slade, Barzillai Buffinton, Thomas S. Gifford, William Chace and Nathan Chace,
On behalf of the Committee
Abner Slade
Ellis Gifford
10 mo: 25th 1858

which is satisfactory and we appoint the friends therein named to those servises respectively, for the ensueing year, women friends uniting herein,

The subject of discontinuing the week day Meeting at Freetown, having claimed our deliberation at this time. we appoint Thos S. Gifford. William Chace. Nathan Chace, Ellis Gifford, & Obadiah Chace a committee to unite with a similar committee of our womens Meeting, and they are desired to take the case into careful consideration and report their judgment to our next Meeting

Recd. from our Overseers the following complaint against Annas Allen Lincoln viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting now sitting
Dear Friends

Ames Allen Lincoln, a member of this Meeting has so far disregarded the order of our discipline as to connect himself

in membership with another religious denomination, which we submit to the Meeting for its disposal
Joseph Estes } Overseers
Fall River 10 mo. 25th 1858 Nathan Chace }

Whereupon we appoint Philip J. Tripp and Samuel Gifford, a Committee to labor with him on that account and report to our next Meeting.

Our beloved friend Obadiah Chace, returned at this time the minute granted him 7 mo. last, with a minute from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 8 mo. 12th 1858 expressing that his company and Gospel labors were acceptable to them, he also informed that he had attended to that which he had in prospect to the relief and peace of his mind. all of which is satisfactory to us.

We appoint Hiram Buffinton & Lilly Gifford a Committee to make the usual provision for the accomodation of our ensuing Quarterly Meeting and report the expence thereof to our next Meeting

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends held in Somerset 11th mo 29th 1858

By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings the Representatives are, from Swansey, Benjamin A. Chace and Lilly Gifford. Fall River Joseph C. Anthony and William Chace, who are present.

The Clerk being absent, Samuel Gifford is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Representatives informed, that they were not prepaired to report on the subject of Clerks, the same friends are desired to Continue the subject under their Care and report at our Next Meeting.

Our beloved friend Thomas Grover attended this Meeting and presented a Minute of Concurrance from Smithfield Monthly Meeting of friend—

held 10th mo. 28th. 1858, expressive of his being a Minister in Unity with them. His Company and Gospel labors have been satisfactory to us,

And the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute;

The Representatives to our last Q. Meeting report thay all attended,

The Committee in the case of Freetown Meeting presented the following report. Viz,

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends,

The Committee in the case of Freetown Meeting report, that several of our Number have attended that Meeting and we are united in judgment, that for the want of interest in the part of some of its Members, and their scattered location, it is probable their Mid-week Meeting will frequently be droped, therfore we do not see, that Friends can do better for the present, than discontinue the Mid-week Meeting at that place, which we submit to the disposal of the Meeting,

on behalf of the Committee

Obadiah Chace,
Fall River 11 mo. 15th. 1858, Ruth B. Buffinton,

Which is satisfactory, and the proposition to discontinue the Midweek Meeting at Freetown is approved by this Meeting, having the concurance of the Women's Meeting herein, and the Clerk is directed to inform the Members of Freetown Meeting of the above conclusion.

directed to pay, and call on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for the same amount.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk for the day,

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends hel
in Fall River 12 Mo. 27th 1858

By the accounts received from each of our Prep
-ative Meetings. the Representatives are from
Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Lilly Gifford ;
Fall River Ellis Gifford & Benjamin Shove. wh
are present.

The representatives of last Mo. report that they are united in proposing Thomas S. Gifford, for Clerk and Samuel Gifford for Assistant Clerk. of this Meeting, whose names being approved, they are appointed to those services for the year ensueing.

The Committee in the case of Annas Allen Lincoln jr, made the follow
report. Viz. "To Swansey Monthly Meeting

We your Committee appointed to visit Ann
Allen Lincoln jr. report, that we have had an interview with him, in which he stated that his regard for Friends had not diminished, but rather increased. And in regard to joining another Religious denomination, he had carefully considered the subject, and believed he was acting from a sense of religious dut
and at present was satisfied with the cou
he had taken. which we submit to the Meeting

Philip J. Tripp }
Samuel Gifford } Committee

Fall River 12 mo. 27th 1858

which is accepted and the case refered to our next Meeting for disposal.

The time for which our committee to have the care of Funerals was appointed having expired we conclude to reappoint the following friends to that serv
for the year ensueing viz. Abner Slade, Hiram Buffinton, William Chace, Nathan Chace, Mark Anthony. Samuel R. Buffinton, Thos. S. Gifford, Azariah Shove, Moses Buffinton, Joseph Shove, and Benjamin A. Chace.

We conclude to raise One Hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury and the representatives, now present, are desired to report this conclusion to our Preparative Meetings, and they are requested to raise their respective proportions of that Sum, and pay it over to our Treasurer.

By the Death of our late friend Samuel Chace, we are informed that Phebe Chace a Member of this Meeting is deprived of a Guardian, whereupon we appoint Moses Buffinton, Ellis Gifford, and Abner Slade, a Committee to give such attention to this subject as may be necessary in order to secure the appointment of a suitable person as Guardian to the said ward, and they are desired to report when accomplished.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 1 Mo. 31st 1859 — By the accounts received from each of our Prepreparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade, & Moses Buffinton Fall River Joseph Estes & Samuel Gifford, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a summary thereof approved, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, together with a copy of these minutes by our friends Thomas S. Gifford. Barzillai Buffinton, & Abner Slade, whom we appoint our representatives.

The Case of Ames Allen Lincoln jr, is again refered to our next meeting for disposal.

Received from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends a Removal Certificate in favour of Abner T. Wing. which is refered to our next meeting for further consideration under the care of our Committee on Certificates.

Our Beloved Friend Hannah C. Robinso
a Minister in unity with us, opened in this
meeting a prospect, which for considerable
length of time has rested on her mind to at
-tend New York Monthly meeting of Friend
and the meetings belonging thereto, and if wa
should open for it, to visit most of the
families thereof which is united with an
she left at liberty and encouraged to
proceed herein as best wisdom may direc
— The Clerk is directed to unite with the
Clerk of our womens meeting in furnishing
our friend with a minute embracing the sub
-stance of this and sign it on our behalf

Thomas G. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
held in Fall River 2 mo. 28th 1859 — By the
accounts received from each of our Prepa
-ative Meetings, the representatives are fro
Swansey Barzillai Buffinton, Obadiah Cha
Fall River Asa Sherman Jr. & Mark Anthony, —
who are present.

The representatives to our
last Quarterly Meeting informed they all at-
-tended.

The case of Amos Allen Lincoln Jr
has again claimed our attention, and it is
the conclusion of this meeting to deny him
his right of Membership with us. having
the concurrence of our womens meeting
herein, and Azariah Shove is appointed
to inform him hereof and report.

The case of the removal Certificate
presented at our last meeting in favor
of Abner P. Wing, has been considered
and we conclude to refer the subject to
our Monthly Meeting in the 5th month
next, for further deliberation and dis
-posal.

Received from our last Quarterly Meeting

The following communication relative to Stock viz. At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2 mo. 3d 1857.

It was concluded to raise Four Hundred & Fifty dollars, for this Meeting, use, and our monthly Meetings were requested to forward this amount to Welcome Congdon, our Treasurer in the usual proportions. The quota of Swansey monthly Meeting is Fifty Four dollars (12% pr cent)

Taken from the minutes

Gilbert Congdon } Clk

by which it appears that our proportion of that Meetings Stock is Fifty Four Dollars which amount our Treasurer is directed to pay, as soon as the state of the Treasury will admit

Thomas G. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends, held in Somerset 3 Mo. 28th 1857 —— By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton, & David Chace, Fall River Wm. Chace, & Joseph C. Anthony; who are present.

The time for which our Treasurer was appointed having expired we appoint Lilly Gifford, & Moses Buffinton, a Committee to audite and settle the Treasurers &c, propose the name of a friend for Treasurer and report to our next Meeting.

Several years having elapsed since the appointment of our Committee on removal Certificates, we therefore conclude to appoint the following friends to that service viz. Ellis Gifford, Abner Slade, Moses Buffinton Thomas G. Gifford & William Chace.

Our Treasurer informed that each of our Preparative Meetings have paid their respective proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered in 12 Month last year

Samuel Gifford on behalf of the Committee
on Births, Deaths, & Burials, reported that the
subject has been attended to, agreeable
to their appointment, — and the following
friends, are again continued under appoint
viz Samuel Gifford, Nathan Chace & Benj A Chace
ment, and they are desired to report to
this Meeting in 3d Mo. next year.

We have received a communi-
cation from Barnabus Holway, and Mary A.
Dillingham, relative to marriage, which
being considered, we are united that
it will be best to return the same to the
on account of an important omission
and we conclude to adjourn this meetin
until fourth day the 6th of next month
at the close of the midweek Meeting at
Fall River, in order that the communication
refered to may be corrected — having
the concurance of our womens friends
herein

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of
of Friends held in Fall River, pursuant
to adjournment 4 mo 6th 1859 —
The representatives being called are
present except Two — Recd. from Bar-
nabas Holaway and Mary A. Dillingh
the following communication viz

Sandwich Mass. 3 mo 17th 1859
To Swanzey Monthly Meeting
Dear Friends

With Divine permission and your approba-
-tion we intend marriage with each other.

Barnabas Holway
Mary A. Dillingham

which we notice and desire them to wa
until our next meeting for an answer

Thomas S. Gifford } Cl

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4 mo. 25th 1859 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Moses Buffinton, & Abner Slade. Fall River William Chace, & Ellis Gifford, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers thereto, from each of our Preparativ meetings, and a summary thereof approved which with a copy of this minute the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensueing Quarterly Meeting by our friends. Obadiah Chace, Thomas S. Gifford, & Moses Buffinton, whom we appoint our representativ

Received from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, Mass. a satisfactory Marriage Certificate in favour of Barnabas Holway, — And nothing appearing to prevent, Barnabas Holway proceedin in Marriage with Mary Ann Dillingham (they having consent of surviving parents) Therefore with the concurrance of our Womens meeting, they are at liberty to accomplish their marriage by keeping to our rules, and Thos. S. Gifford & Abner Slade are appointed to have the care thereof, hand their Certificate to the Recorder, and report to our next meeting.

Recd. from Uxbridge Monthly Meetin of Friends a Removal Certificate in favour of James Newton, which being satisfactory is directed to be recorded, having the concurrance of women friends herein.

We conclude to raise One Hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury, and our several Preparative Meetings, (through the representatives now present) are directed to collect their respective proportions of that sum, and pay the same to our Treasurer —

Thomas S. Gifford, Cler

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friend
held in Somerset 5 Mo. 30th 1859. By the accoun
received from each of our Preparative Mee-
-tings, the representatives are from Swansey
Eber Chace & Barzillia Buffinton Fall Rive
William Chace, & Joseph C. Anthony, who are prese

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting
inform they all attended

The Committee to have the care of Barnab
Holway & Mary Ann Dillinghams Marriage
report that it was orderly conducted, and
their Marriage certificate placed in the hand
of the regester.

The case of the removal Certificat
in favour of Abner T. Wing, is again contin-
ued, and refered to our Monthly Meeting in
8 mo. next.

The Committee, on the subject of a Guardian
for Phebe Chace, appointed in 12 mo. last year
made the subjoined report. Viz —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
We your Committee in relation a Guardian for Phebe
Chace, report, that we have given attention to the
subject but Measures were taken by the friends
of said Ward, which placed the case beyond our
controle, we would however recommend the
Monthly Meeting by its committee should contin
to give attention to this subject from time to time
as occasion may require.

for the Committee Ellis Gifford

Somerset 5 Mo. 30th 1859

which is satisfactory, and we continue our frien
Moses Buffinton, Ellis Gifford & Abner Slade
a Committee to give further attention to this subj
and report to this meeting if in their judgmen
circumstances may require it

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 Mo. 27th 1859 —— By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade, & Eber Chace. Fall River Earle Chace & Joseph C. Anthony, who are present.

Azariah Shove reported that he had given Ammes Allen Lincoln jr. the information for which he was appointed in 2 Mo. last.

We unite with our womens Meeting in furnishing our friend Mary A. Holway, with a removal Certificate directed to Sandwich Monthly Meeting, and our Clerk directed to signe the same on our behalf

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 7 Mo. 25th 1859 —— By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings the representatives to this Meeting are from Swansey Daniel Chace, & Obadiah Chace, Fall River Ellis Gifford, & Mark Anthony, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a Summary thereof approved, which with a copy of this Minute, the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph C. Anthony, Thomas S. Gifford, and Barzillai Buffinton, whom we appoint our representatives.

Received and read at this time the Report from the Committee of the Yearly Meeting Boardings School, which is satisfactory, and we appoint Abner Slade, Hiram Buffinton, Ellis Gifford & Joseph C Anthony our School Committee, for the year ensueing

Our Treasurer informes that Fall River Preparative Meeting, has paid its quota of this Meetings Stock ordered to be raised 4 Mo. last.

We have received One hundred copyes of the Printed Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, and the representatives now present are directed to distribute them amongst our Members.

By the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting we are informed that Joseph Estes, has been appointed Correspondent of this Meeting in place of Oliver Earle deceas

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 8 mo. 29th 1859

By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Darius Buffinton, Fall River Earle Chace & James Newton, who are present,

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

We conclude to accept the Removal Certificate, presented to this Meeting in 1st Mo. last in favour of Abner P. Wing having the concurrance of Women friends herein, and it is directed to be recorded.

We unite with women friend in the disownment of Mary A. Allen.

Recd. from our late Quarterl Meeting 120 Copies of the Printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London in 185 one of which has been read, to our comfort, and encouragment, and the representatives now present, are directed to distribute them amongst our Members.

Our Treasurer informs that Swanse Preparative Meeting has paid him their quota of this Meetings Stock ordered 4th month last

Thomas S. Gifford } Cler

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 9 mo. 26th 1859. By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings. the representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade. & Moses Buffinton. Fall River Samuel Gifford & Joseph Estes. who are present except one, for whose abcence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

We appoint Obadiah Chace Ellis. Gifford. Simpson Buffinton, & Joseph C. Anthony. a Committee to confer with suitable friends to serve this meeting as Overseers, and report (the same) to our next meeting. and the same Committee are desired to report the names of friends for Overseers. of the Poor. for the year ensueing

Swansey Preparative Meeting in their account inform that William S. Richardson proposes Publishing his intentions of marriage with Amanda M. Buffinton at this time, and we have received the following communication from them viz. To Swansey Monthly Meeting.

With Divine permission, and Friends approbation we intend marriage with each other

William S. Richardson
Amanda M. Buffinton

Swansey 9 mo. 26th 1859

which we notice, and desire them to wait until our next Meeting for an Answer. The consent of Parents on behalf of Amand M. Buffinton proceeding in marriage with Wm S. Richardson, has been received and read.

Our Beloved friend Hannah C Robinson returned to this meeting the minute granted her in 1 mo. last. with the information, that the way ha not opened for her to prosicute her concern.

We conclude to raise One Hundred Dollars to Supply our Treasury, and the representatives now present. are desired to inform our Preparative Meetings hereof, who are directed to collect their respective proportions of that amount and pay it in to our Treasurer

Thomas S. Gifford } Cler

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held i Fall River 10 mo. 31st 1859. — By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade & Barzillai Buffinton, Fall River Thomas S. Gifford & Ellis Gifford wh are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers to the 1st, 2nd, & 10th. from each of our Preparative Meetings and a summary thereof approved which, with a copy of this Minute the Clerk is direct -ed to forward to our ensueing Quarterly Meeting by our friends, William Chace, Abner Slade, Benjam in Chace & Thomas S. Gifford, whom we appoint our representatives.

Received from R. I. Monthly Meetin the following communication in favour of William S. Richardson, proceeding in marriage with a member of this meeting viz. —

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

William S. Richardson having requested our Certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your Meeting, we hereby certify that he is a member of this monthly meeting and on enquiry nothing appears to prevent his proceeding therein.

From Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 10 mo. 27th 1859

Jonathan Dennis } Clerk

David Buffum } Correspondent

— which is satisfactory, and nothing appearing to pre- vent. Wm S. Richardson, and Amanda M. Buffinton - proceeding in marriage with each other, they are theref left at liberty to accomplish their Marriage accordin to our rules, and Obadiah Chace & Thomas S. Gifford a appointed to have the care thereof, hand their Marriage Certificate to the recorder and report to our next Meeting.

The Committee on Overseers report, attention ha been given to their appointment, but they are not ready to make a full Report. they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting, and our Overseers now under appointment are continued in office until another appointment.

We appoint Barzillai Buffinton & Lilly Gifford, a Committee to make the usual provision for our approaching Quarterly meeting, and report the expence thereof to our next meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 11 mo. 28th 1859 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Abner Slade Fall River Joseph Estes & Mark Anthony. who are present.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly meeting report they all attended.

The Committee to have the care of William S. Richardson and Amanda M. Buffinton Marriage Report that it was orderly conducted and their Marriage Certificate handed to the recorder

The Committee on Overseers made the following Report viz.

"To Swansey Monthly Meeting

We your Committee appointed to bring forward names of friends to serve this Meeting as Overseers, present the following viz Moses Buffinton, Lilly Gifford, William Chace Joseph Estes & Nathan Chace, on behalf of the Committee

Ellis Gifford"

which is satisfactory and we appoint the friends therein named to that service for the ensuing year

The same Committee also propose the following Friends for Overseers of the Poor viz Abner Slade, Barzillai Buffinton, Thomas S. Gifford, William Chace, & Nathan Chace, on behalf of the Committee

Swansey 11 mo. 28th 1859 Ellis Gifford "

which being approved they are accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing

The Committee to provide for our late Quarterly Meeting, made the subjoined report viz.

We the Committee to provide for the accomodation
of the Quarterly Meeting have attended to our
appointment. and find the expence to be Seven
Dollars and fifty cents. Lilly Gifford
$7.50 11 Mo. 28th 1859 Barzillai Buffinton } Committee
which is satisfactory, and our Treasurer is di-
-rected to pay the same, and call on the Treasurer
of the Quarterly Meeting for that amount.

Received from the Clerk of our Quarterly
Meeting the annexed communication relative
to Stock viz At Rhode Island Quarterly Mee-
ting of Friends held at Somerset 11 mo. 3rd 1859

It was concluded to raise Three Hundred
& fifty Dollars, which our Monthly Meetings were
requested to forward to Welcom Congdon our
Treasurer — The quota of Swansey Monthly
Meeting is Forty two Dollars ($42.—) 12 per
cent. Taken from the Minutes of the Meeting
Gilbert Congdon } Clerk

which amount our Treasurer is directed to pay
to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

The representatives now present are directed
to confer with suitable friends to serve this Mee-
ting as Clerk & Assistant for the year ensuing, and
they are desired to report the same to our next mee
-ting
Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends
held in Fall River 12 Mo. 26th 1859 — By the
accounts received from each of our Preparat
Meetings, the representatives are from Swans
Moses Buffinton & Barzillai Buffinton Fall
River, James Newton, & Mark Anthony
who are present.

Abner Slade on behalf
of the representatives of last Month infor
that they are united in proposing the appoin
-ment of Thomas S. Gifford for Clerk & Samue
Gifford as Assistant Clerk of this Meeting
whose names being approved, they are accord
-ly appointed to those servises respectively
for the year ensuing.

We appoint Abner Slade, William Chace, Ellis Gifford, Barzillai Buffinton, & Philip J Tripp a Committee, to take the nescessary care of all our Burrying Grounds, for the ensueing year, and they are desired to report to our next Meeting their judgment relative to fencing the one at Somerset Bequeathed to friends by our late friend Henry Slade deceased,

We unite with our Womens meeting in furnishing Elizabeth R Haviland, with a removal certificate directed to Oswego Monthly Meeting of Friends N.Y. — we also unite with them in furnishing a removal Certificate in favour of Amanda M. Richardson directed to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, and our Clerk is desired to sign them on our behalf.

Our Treasurer informed that each of our Preparative meetings have paid him their respective proportions of Stock ordered 9 mo. last.

We conclude to reapoint the following friends to take the care of Funerals for the year ensueing viz. Abner Slade, Hiram Buffinto William Chace Nathan Chace, Mark Anthony, Samuel R. Buffinton, Thomas S. Gifford, Azariah Shove, Moses Buffinton, Joseph Shove & Benjamin A. Chace.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 1 mo. 30th 1860 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings the representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade, & Simpson Buffinton, Fall River Joseph Estes, & Thomas S. Gifford who are present.

Our Beloved Friend Lemuel Gifford, attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrance from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4 mo. 4th 1859 — expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them, his company and Gospel labours have been acceptable to us. and the Clerk directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minu

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the 1st 2ond & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a summary thereof approved, which with a copy of this Minute the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by our friends Joseph C. Anthony Abner Slade, & Samuel Gifford, whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee of last month relative to fencing the burial lot in Somerset, report some attention given to the subject, but they are not ready to make a full report at this time, they are desired to give further attention thereto, and report to our next Meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2 mo. 27th 1860 By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Moses Buffinton, & Lilly Gifford, Fall River Mark Anthony & Leonard Underwood, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The Committee relative to fencing the Burial Lot in Somerset, not being ready to make a full report at this time, we continue the subject under their care, and they are desired to report to our next Meeting.

We conclude to raise One Hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury, and the representatives now present are directed to inform our several Preparative Meetings hereof who are desired to collect their respective proportions of that sum, and pay it to our Treasurer

Thomas S. Gifford } C

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 3 mo. 26th 1860. — By the Accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Barzillia Buffinton & Moses Buffinton. Fall River William Chace & Asa Sherman Jr who are present.

The Committee to whom was refered the subject of Fencing the Burial lot in Somerset, made the following report. viz —

"To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends:

We your Committee to whom was refered in 12th mo. last the subject of Fencing the Burial Lot Donated by our late Friend Henry Slade, have given attention to our appointment, and report that way does not open to recommend any action at present by the Monthly Meeting, all of which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee } Ellis Gifford

Somerset 3 mo. 26th 1860"

which being satisfactory to the meeting is accepted.

"The Committee on Births, Deaths and Burials, made the subjoined Report viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your Committee Report, that we have rendered to the Recorder an account of all the Births, Deaths & Burials that have occured in this Monthly Meeting, the past year.

On behalf of the Committee } Samuel Gifford

Somerset 3 mo. 26th 1860 }"

which is satisfactory, and we continue the following friends under appointment for that service, and they are directed to report to this meeting in 3d mo. next year. viz. Nathan Chace, Samuel Gifford and Benjamin A. Chace.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4 mo. 30th 1860 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings the representatives are from Swansey, Barzillai Buffinton, & Simpson Buffinton. Fall River. Ellis Gifford, & Joseph Estes, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers thereto from each of our Preparative Meeting and a summary of said Answers being approved we forward them, with a copy of this minute and other nesccessary information to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends. Samuel Giffor William Chace, & Lilly Gifford. whom we appoint our representatives.

The time for which the Treasurer of this meeting was appointed, having expired, we appoint Moses Buffinton, & Lilly Gifford a Committe to audit and settle his account. confer with some friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer and report to our next Meeting.

Our Treasurer informes that Fall River Preparative Meeting has paid their proportion of this meetings stock ordered 2 mo. last.

Our beloved friend Hannah C. Robinson, a Minister in unity with us opened in this Meeting a prospect, which for considerab time had rested on her mind, and latterly with increasing weight, to attend Salem Monthly Meeting Mass. also the Meetings belonging thereto, and if way should open for it, to visit the families thereof, which is united with, and she left at liberty and encouraged to pursu her prospect as Truth may open the way The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the womens Meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this and sign it on our behalfe.

Thomas S. Gifford } Cl

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Frie held in Somerset 5 Mo. 28th 1860

By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representati are from Swansey Lilly Gifford, & Darius Buffton, Fall River Earle Chace & Thomas S. Gifford who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

The Committee to audit and settle the Treasurers account, and for other purposes, report as follows viz. To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your Committee to audit & settle with our Treasurer and for other purposes have attended to our appointment, and find a ballance in his hands of One Hundred and Eight Dollars and Sixty Six cents. we propose Abner Slade for Treasurer the ensuing year

Lilly Gifford }
Moses Buffinton } Committee

Swansey 5 mo. 28th 1860

which is satisfactory, and we appoint Abner Slade Treasurer of this Meeting the year ensuing.

Our Treasurer informs that Swansey Preparative Meeting has paid him their proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered 2 mo. last.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 mo. 25th 1860

By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Barzillai Buffinton, & Lilly Gifford. Fall River. Asa Sherman & Benjamin Shove who are present.

Our Beloved friend Samuel Lloyd, attended this meeting with a satisfactory minute of concurrance from Short Creek Monthy Meeting of Friends Ohio, Endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting. each expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them, his company and Gospel labours, have been to our satisfaction and encouragment.

Our Beloved friend Asa Williams. attended this meeting as companion to our friend Samuel Lloyd, with a minute of concurrance from Goshen Monthy Meeting

of Friends, expressive of his being an Elder i
unity with them, his company and sollid deportment, have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friend
Samuel Lloyd and Asa Williams, with copie
of the Minutes made on their accountanc
sign the same on our behalf.

We conclude to raise One Hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury and the representatives now present are desired to inform our several Preparative Meetings hereof, and they are directed to collect their respective proportions of that sum, and pay it in to our Treasurer.

Our beloved friend Hannah C. Robinson, returned at this time, the Minute granted her in 4 mo. last, for religious service within the limits of Salem Monthly Meeting of Frien
and produced a satisfactory returning Minute from that Meeting, she also informed, that she had attended to the service she had in prospect to the peace of her own Mind, all of which is satisfactory to us.

Thomas G. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 7 mo. 30th 1860 ~ By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton and Moses Buffinton, Fall River Earle Chace &
Ellis Gifford, who are present except on
whose absence was satisfactorily accounte
for.

The Queries have been read in this meetin
with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from
each of our Preparative Meetings, and a summary thereof approved, which with a copy of this minute, the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, b
our friends Thomas G. Gifford, Joseph C. Anthony,

Obadiah Chace. whom we appoint our representatives.

Received and read at this time the Report of the Committee having charge of our Yearly Meeting Boarding School, which is to our satisfaction, and we appoint the following friends to constitute our School Committee, for the ensuing year viz. Hiram Buffinton, Ellis Gifford. Obadiah Chace & Thomas S. Gifford. Appended to the Boarding School Committees report we have the following Article of Discipline relative to the liberation of Ministers for religious service, which was approved by our late Yearly Meeting viz —

The Minute prepared by the Meeting for Sufferings in relation to the official steps to be taken in liberating Ministers for religious service, claimed our solid consideration, and was united with, and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of it to our several subordinate Meetings. It is as follows:

"When a Minister has a prospect of religious service, which according to our Discipline requires the unity of the Monthly Meeting, previous to its being brought to the consideration of said Meeting let it be laid before the preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at its stated time, or specially convened for the purpose, and if the friend is encouraged or left at liberty to do so, he should spread his concern before the Monthly Meeting, and let that Meeting take full time, under a very weighty sense of its responsibility, for solid and careful deliberation, before granting a certificate.

In cases requiring the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting, and said meeting unites with the concern, let it endorse its certificate as now required by Discipline; and if the concern is for a general or extensive visit, and the Quarterly Meeting shall advise that it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, let it be carried there for its unity and concurrence, before the friend enters upon such religious service.

And in all cases where the concern extends to territory beyond the Rocky Mountains, let it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in the same manner as is required when the prospect "extends to Europe or beyond sea."

The vital importance of the maintenance of a sound Ministry, and of its being at all times exercised under the fresh anointing and renewed qualification which the Holy Spirit alone can give, has claimed our weighty and solemn consideration, and we believe it right to recommend to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings an increase of care and solid deliberation before recording their unity with the gift, and approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of any of our members, and that the recommendation of the Discipline be carefully observed, that full time be allowed for clear evidence that the Lord hath called them to this weighty work."

From the Minutes of the Meeting,
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

also, other Extracts from the minutes of that Meeting, on the subject of Love and Unity, which have been read, and are satisfactory to us.

Recd. from the Clerk of our late Yearly Meeting One Hundred Copies of the printed Minutes of that Meeting, and care has been taken for their distribution among our members.

Our Overseers presented the followin complaint against Eber Slade viz.

" To Swansey Monthly Meeting now sitt
This meeting is hereby informed that Eber Slade a member of this Meeting has recently marri contrary to the order of our discipline, he has als long neglected the attendance of our Meetings

Joseph Estes } Overseers
7 mo. 30th 1860 William Chace }

whereupon we appoint Thomas S. Gifford & Joseph C. Anthony, a Committee to labour with him on those accounts, and report to our next Meeting

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 8 mo. 27th 186 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Benjamin A. Chace & Lilly Gifford. Fall River Samuel Gifford & Wm Chace who are present.

The representatives to last Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The Committee in the case of Eber Slade, made the following report.

" To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

The Committee in the case of Eber Slade, Report, that we have had an opportunity with him on the subject of ou appointment, and he manifested no desi to be continued a member of our religious society, which we submit to the Meeting

Thos. S. Gifford } Committee
Fall River 8 mo. 25th 1860 Jos. C. Anthony }

" which is accepted and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us. having the concurrance of our womens meeting herein and

Samuel Gifford is appointed to informe him hereof, and report to our next Meeting.

Received from our last Quarterly Meeting 120 Copies of the Printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London in 1859 One of which has been read to our satisfaction and encouragment, and we commend it to the careful perusal of all our members. The representatives present are directed to distribute them, and report to our next Meeting

Received from our Overseers the following complaint against George E. Buffinton viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

George E. Buffinton, has for some time passed entirely neglected the attendance of our meetings and on labouring with him therefor he manifested no inclination to remain any longer with us in which we submit.

8 mo. 27th 1860 Joseph Estes } Overseers
Wm Chace }

whereupon we appoint Ellis Gifford & Mark Anthony, a Committee to labour with him on those accounts. and report to our next Meeting.

Received from our Overseers the following complaint against Thomas F. Holder, viz To Swansey Monthly Meeting

Thomas F. Holder has entirely absented himselfe from our Meetings: and on visiting him on that account, he evinced no disposition to remain any longer a member, which we submit

8 mo. 27th 1860 Joseph Estes } Overseers
Wm Chace }

whereupon we appoint Joseph C. Anthony & Samuel Gifford, a Committee to labour with him on those accounts and report to our next Meeting. Thomas S. Gifford } Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 9 Mo. 24th 1860

By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representative

are from Swansey. Daniel Chace &
Moses Buffinton. Fall River, Benjamin Shov
& Joseph Estes. who are present except one
for whose absence a sufficient reason was
offered.

Samuel Gifford reported that he had in-formed Eber Slade of the action of this Meeting in his case.

The representatives of last month not being ready to make a full report relat to the distribution of the London Printed Epistl are therefore continued and desired to report next month.

The Committee in the case of George E. Buffinton made the following report. viz. To Swansey Monthly Meetin

We your Committee in the case of George E. Buffinton. have attended to our appointmen and present the following report. We have had an opportunity with him, and he manifested no desire to attend our meetings, or longer retain his right of membership, with us. which we submit to the meeting.

On behalf of the Committee } Ellis Gifford
Somerset 9 mo. 24th 1860

which is accepted and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us, women friends concurring herein and William Chace is appointed to inform him hereof and report

The Committee in the case of Thomas F. Holder. made the following report. viz. To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your Committee in the case of Thos. F. Holder. report. that we have had an interview with him. and find he has n desire to be retained a member of the Society of Friends. Jos. C. Anthony }
Samuel Gifford } Commit
Somerset 9 mo. 24th 1860

which is accepted and he is hereby denied his right of membership with us. wome friends uniting herein. and Ellis Giffor is appointed to inform him hereof and report.

Our Treasurer informed that Fall River Preparative Meeting has paid their proportion of this Meetings Stock ordered 6 mo. last.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10 mo. 29th 1860 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings. the representatives are from Swansey Lilly Gifford, & Simpson Buffinton. Fall River, Thomas S. Gifford & William Chace. who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings and a summary thereof approved. which with a copy of this minute the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensueing Quarterly Meeting. by our friends Hiram Buffinton. Thos. S. Gifford. Philip J. Tripp. and Simpson Buffinton, whom we appoint our representatives.

The friends appointed at our last meeting to inform George E. Buffinton and Thomas F. Holder, of their disownment, reported the appointment answered.

The representatives to this Meeting in 8 mo. last. to whom was refered the distribution of the London Printed Epistle. report that they have given the nescessary attention to that subject.

We appoint Moses Buffinton & Lilly Gifford. to make the usual provision for our ensueing Quarterly Meeting and report the expense thereof to our next meeting.

To confer with suitable friends to serve this meeting as Overseers. for the year ensueing we appoint. Abner Slade. Ellis Gifford. Philip J Tripp, Thos. S. Gifford. & Simpson Buffinton. and they are desired to report the names thereof to our next Meeting, The above committe are also desired to report at the same time the names of Overseers of the Poor.

Our Treasurer informes that Swansey Preparative Meeting, has paid their proportion of this Meetings Stock, ordered 6 mo. last.

We unite with women friends in the disownment from our religious society of Rachel Anna, Lincoln.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 11 mo. 26th 1860 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparati Meetings, the representatives are from Swanse Abner Slade, & Moses Buffinton, Fall River Earle Chace, & James Newton, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

The Committee of last month to provide for our late Quarterly Meeting made the following report viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

We your Committee to make provision for the late Quarterly Meeting, report the expence thereof Seven Dollars and fifty cents, which we submit to the meeting

Moses Buffinton } Committee
Swansey 11 mo. 26th 1860 Lilly Gifford

which is satisfactory and our Treasurer is directed to pay them the amount thereof and call on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for the same.

The Committee on Overseers, made the subjoined report. viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

We the committee in the case of Overseers of this Meeting, are united in proposing the following viz. Lilly Gifford. Moses Buffinton, Joseph Estes. William Chace & Nathan Chace. — for Overseers of the Poor Barzillai Buffinton. Abner Slade. Wm Chac Thomas S. Gifford. & Nathan Chace.

for the Committee Simpson Buffint
11 mo. 26th 1860 Ellis Gifford

which is satisfactory and we appoint the friends therein named to those services respectively for the year ensuing.

Received from the Clerk of our last Quarterly Meeting the following communication relative to Stock viz —

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 mo. 1st 1860.

It was concluded to raise Two hundred & Fifty Dollars, and our Monthly Meetings were requested to forward this amount to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer.

The quota of Swansey Monthly Meeting is Thirty Dollars. (12 per cent)

From the minutes of the meeting
Gilbert Congdon } Clerk.

which is satisfactory and our Treasurer is directed to pay the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting the amount therein called for.

The representatives now present are appointed a committee to confer with friends to serve this meeting as Clerk & Assistant, and report the names thereof, to our next Meeting.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 12 mo. 31st 1860. By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings. the representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade. & Darius Buffinton Fall River Joseph Estes & Ellis Gifford, who are present.

Abner Slade on behalf of the representatives of last month, reported that they were united in proposing the appointment of Thomas S. Gifford. for Clerk. and Samuel Gifford, for Assistant Clerk of this meeting and their names being approved they are appointed to those services respectively for the year ensuing

The time for which our Committee to have the care of our Burial Grounds was appointed having expired we conclude to continue the friends now under appointment to that service for the year ensuing viz. Abner Slade. Wm Chace Ellis Gifford. Barzillai Buffinton & Philip J. Tripp.

The time having expired for which the committee to have the care of Funerals was appointed we conclude to continue the following friends to that service for the ensueing year viz~ Abner Slade. Hiram Buffinton. Wm Chace Nathan Chace. Mark Anthony. Samuel R. Buffinto Thos. S. Gifford. Azariah Shove. Moses Buffinton, Joseph Shove. Benjamin A. Chace. with the addition of Samuel Gifford appointed at this time.

Thomas S. Gifford } Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Frien held in Somerset 1 Mo. 28th 1861 ——

By the accounts recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Benjamin S. Earle, & Abner Slade, Fall River Wm Chace, & Mark Anthony, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting, with Answers to the 1st, 2nd & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetin and a Summary thereof approved, which, wit a copy of this minute, the Clerk is directe to forward to our ensueing Quarterly Meetin by our friends, Ellis Gifford, Barzillai Buffinton & Mark Anthony, whom we appoint our representatives.

Our Treasurer informes that our Quota of Quarterly Meetings Stock, has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

Received from our Overseers the following complaint, against Darius Buffinton, viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting now sitting

This Meeting is hereby informed that Darius Buffinton has departed from the order of our discipline. by proceeding in Marriage with one not in membership with us.

Somerset
1 mo. 28th 1861
Lilly Gifford }
Joseph Estes } overseers

whereupon we appoint William Chace & Thomas S. Gifford. a Committee to labour with him on that account and report to our next Meeting

Thomas S. Gifford } Clk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2 mo. 25th 1861, — By the Accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Swansey Lilly Gifford, & Barzillai Buffinton, Fall River Joseph C. Anthony and Asa Sherman jr. who are present except one, whose absence was satisfactorily accounted for.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting. report they all attended.

The Committee in the case of Darius Buffinton, made the subjoined report; viz;

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The Committee to labour with Darius Buffinton, report we have attended thereto and we believe him to be sincerely desirous of being restored to his right of membership; with friends; with which we are satisfied. and submit to the meeting.

Wm Chace }
Thos. S. Gifford } Committee

Fall River 2 mo. 23d 1861.

which is satisfactory, and he is hereby restored to his right of membership with us. having the concurrance of our women friends herein, and Hiram Buffinton is appointed to inform him hereof and report

Thomas S. Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 3d. mo. 25th. 1861 — By the accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings we learn, that the Representatives are, from Swansey, Moses Buffinton & Lilley Gifford. Fall River, Samuel Gifford & Ellis Gifford, who are present.

Hiram Buffinton informed the Meeting that he had attended to his appointment in the case of Darius Buffinton.

Samuel Gifford on behalf of the Committee Reported, that they had rendered to the recorder an account of Births, Deaths & Burials, that have occured within the limets of this Monthly Meeting for the past year.

Which is satisfactory, and the same friends are continued in that service and directed to report to this Meeting in 3d. Mo Next Next year, by Nathan Chace. Benjamin A. Chace. and Samuel Gifford.

Our Womans Meeting inform, that they have concluded to restore Mary E. Arngen to her right of Membership with us. with which this Meeting unites,

Samuel Gifford Assistant Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4th. mo. 29th. 1861.

By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, it appears the following friends are representatives to this Meeting, Swansey — Abner Slade & Barzilla Buffinton, — Fall River — Ellis — Gifford & Joseph Estes. who are present.

The queries have been read in this Meeting, with answers thereto, from each of our preparative Meetings, and a summary of said answers being approved, we forward them, together with a copy of this minute, and other necessary information to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by our friends Abner — Slade, Samuel Gifford, Obadiah Chace & Lloyd Chace. — whom we appoint our representatives.

Received from our Overseers the following complaint against Jervis Shove, viz. "To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends, —

Jervis Shove has very much neglected the attendance of our Meetings, and is not carefull to fulfill his promises, or the payment of his debts, on which account he has been laborede with without any desired effect, which we submit to the Meeting

4th. mo. 29th. 1861 Lilly Gifford
Moses Buffinton } Overseers,,

Whereupon, we appoint Abner Slade, Obadiah Chace & Ellis Gifford a Committee to labor with him on those accounts, and report to our next Meeting.

This Meeting unites with our Women's Meeting in the appointment of Ruth B. Gifford, to the station of Elder.

Samuel Gifford, assistant
-Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 5 mo. 27th. 1861 - By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, it appears the following friends are representatives to this Meeting. from Swansey - Benj. A. Chace, & Moses Buffinton. Fall River. Nathan [illegible]. Chace & Joseph C. Anthony, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

The Committee in the case of Jervis Shove, informed, that they had given some attention to the object of their appointment, but are not ready to report at this time, and they are continued and desired to report at our next Meeting.

The time for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed having expired, we appoint Daniel Chace, & Joseph C. Anthony a Committee to audit and settle his account, also to confer with some friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer, and report at our next Meeting.

It is the Conclusion of this Meeting to raise the amount of One Hundred Dollars to supply its Treasurry. And the Representatives now
(Stock) in attendance are desired to request our Preparative Meetings to forward their respective propotions to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

Samuel Gifford, assistant Clerk

1861. At Swansey Monthly Meetings of Friends held at Fall River 6mo. 24th. 1861.

By accounts from each of our Preparative Meetings it appears the following friends are Representatives to this Meeting, from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Lilly Gifford. Fall River. Mark Anthony & Benjamin Shove who are present.

[illegible] Shove

The Committee in the Case of Jervis Shove are again continued, and desired to report at our next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers account and for other purposes, presented the following report. Viz= "To Swansey Monthly Meetings, we your Committee appointed to settle the Treasures account and for other purposes,

Treasurer

report, that we have attended to the same, and find a balance in his hands of Thirty four & 21/100 Dollars $34.21 — and propose the name of Abner Slade for Treasurer,

Joseph C. Anthony }
Daniel Chace. } Committee

Fall River 6mo. 24th. 1861.

which is satisfactory. and we appoint Abner Slade as Treasurer of this Meeting for the Year ensuing.

Our beloved friend, Sarah Ann Linton, attended this Meeting, with a Minute of Concurranse from Center Mo. Meeting of Friends held in Clinton Co. Ohio 4mo. 17th. 1861. endorsed by Center Quarterly Meeting held 5mo. 4th. 1861 — expressing unity with her as a Minister, and also in her present Religious engagement.

Her Company and Gospel labors have been satisfactory to us.

Our beloved friend Rhoda G. Hadley. attended this Meeting as Companion to our friend Sarah Ann Linton, with a Minute of Concurranse from Springfield Mo. Meeting of friends Ohio, held 5mo. 18th. 1861. expressive of her being an Elder in unity with them.

her Company has been acceptable to us. And the Clerk is directed to —

1861. unite with the Clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing them with Minutes made on their accounts, and sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

Samuel Giffords, assistant Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends held at Somerset 7th. mo. 29th. 1861

By accounts from each of our Preparative Meetings it appears the following named friends are representatives to this Meeting — from Swansey, Lilley Gifford & Abner Slade. Fall River, Earl Chace, & Ellis Giffords, — who are present.

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford, attended this Meeting, and presented a Minute of Concurrance from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of friends held 4th. mo. 1st. 1861, expressing unity with him as a Minister, and with his present religious engagement.

His Company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, he has also, recently visited, nearly all the families constituting this Monthly Meeting, to our satisfaction and encouragement,

The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of the foregoing Minute, and sign the same on behalf of this Meeting,

Jarves Shove

The Committee in the Case of Jerves Shove not being ready to report, are again continued and desired to report at our next Meeting.

The Queries have been read at this time and the first, second and tenth succeeded by answers from each of our preparative Meetings, and a summary thereof approved, which, with a Copy of this Minute the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly — Meeting by our friends, Joseph C. Anthony. Barzilla Buffinton and Samuel Gifford, whom we appoint our representatives.

Received and read at this time a report of the Committee having Care of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, which is to our satisfaction, and we appoint Hiram Buffinton, Ellis Gifford, Samuel Giffords and Benjamin A. Chace to constitute our School Committee for the ensuing year,

Also received One Hundred Coppies of the printed Minutes —

1861 of our late Yearly Meeting, with fifty extra Coppies of advice to its Members.

The Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting are directed to distribute them among our Members.

Also received eighty Coppies of a Minute issued by London Yearly Meeting for the present year, Addressed to friends in America, one of which, has been read at this time, to our satisfaction and encouragement.

Our representatives are also desired to distribute the same among our Members.

Samuel Giffords, assistant Clerk.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends held at Fall-River 8mo. 26th. 1861

By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, it appears the following named friends are representatives to this Meeting — from Swansey Moses Buffinton & Barzilla Buffinton. Fall River Nathan Chace & James Newton, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

Jervis Shove

The Committee in the case of Jervis Shove not being ready to report, are continued and desired to report at our next Meeting.

Received through the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting 125 Coppies of the London General Epistle for the year 1860, one of which has been read at this time to our satisfaction and encouragement, and the representatives now in attendence of this Meeting are desired to distribute the same among our Members.

Samuel Gifford assistant Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends held at Somerset 9th. Mo. 30th. 1861

By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings it appears the following Named friends are representatives to this Meeting, from Swansey Hiram Buffinton & Obadiah Chace, Fall River, Joseph Estes & William Chace, who are present.

1861 The Committee in the case of Jervis Shove report further attention to the subject, but not being ready to make a full — report at this time, are continued, and desired to report in 11th Mo next.

Our Treasurer informed that Swansey Preparative Meeting had paid its propotion of this — Meetings Stock ordered in 5th Mo last.

Samuel Giffords, assistant Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends held at Fall River 10th Mo. 28th 1861.

By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings it appears the following named friends are representatives to this Meeting, from Swansey, Simpson — Buffinton and Moses Buffinton, Fall River, Ellis Giffords and Nathan Chase, who are present.

The queries have been read in this Meeting, with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a Summary thereof approved, which, with a copy of this Minute the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by our friends William Chace, Mark Anthony and James Newton, whome we appoint our representatives

We appoint Moses Buffinton and Lindley Giffords, to Make the Necessary provission for our approaching — Quarterly Meeting, and to report the expense thereof at our next Meeting.

We appoint Abner Slade, (Overseers) Mark Anthony, Simpson Buffinton and Samuel Giffords a Committee to confer with some friends to serve this — Meeting as Overseers for the ensuing year, and report at our next Meeting, they are also desired to report the names of some friends, to serve this Meeting as Overseers of the poor.

Our Treasurer informed, that Fall River Preparative Meeting, have paid their propotion of Stock ordered in fifth Mo. last.

Received from our Overseers (Peleg Mitchell & Buffinton Jr) the following complaint against Peleg Mitchell ~~and~~ and Isreal Buffinton Jr. Viz—

"To Swansey Monthly Meeting.

1861 This Meeting is hereby informed, that Peleg Mitchell ~~has~~ has so far departed from our well known principle in regard to War, as to enlist into active service in the United States Army, for which he has been labored with, but without any satisfactory result.

Joseph Estes } Overseers
Nathan Chace }

Fall River 10th mo. 28th 1861.

The same Complaint is prefered against Israel Buffinton Jr.," Whereupon we appoin Ellis Gifford and Mark Anthony a Committee to labor with them on those accounts, and report at our Next Meeting.

Jos. Shove } Received from our Overseers the following Complaint against Joseph Shove, viz.

"To Swansey Monthly Meeting now sitting. Dear friends.

Joseph Shove, has for some time indulged in a spirit of Defamation and Detraction, for which he has been repeatedly labored with, and advised to desist therfrom, but without any satisfactory result. we therefore submit the case to the Monthly Meeting,"

"William Chase } Overseers
Nathan Chace }

Fall River 10 mo. 28th 1861.,"

Whereupon we appoint, Saml Gifford, Philip J. Tripp and Simpson Buffinton a Committee to labor with him on those accounts, and report at our Next Meeting.

oshua Shove } This Meeting is informed that — Joshua Shove desires a Certificate to enable him to procee in Marriage with a Member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, Whereupon we appoint, Saml Gifford and — William Chace a Committee to prepare an essay of one, if nothing appears to prevent, and present to an adjournment of this Meeting.

At the request of Joshua Shove, we conclu to adjourn this Meeting to be held at Fall River, at the Close of fourth day Meeting the 13th of 11 mo. next,
Our Womens Meeting Concurring herein.

Samuel Gifford, assistant Cler

1861 At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held in Fall River pursuant to adjournment 11th. mo. 13th. 1861.

The names of the Representatives being called, they are present except three.

The Clerk being absent, James Newton is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting for the purpose, presented an essay of a Certifacate, to enable Joshua Shove to proceed in Marriage with a Member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf.

James Newton, Clerk for the day.

11th. Mo. 25 } At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 mo. 25th. 1861.

By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, it appears the following named friends are representatives to this Meeting, Viz. from Swanzey, Hiram Buffinton & Barzilla Buffinton, Fall River, Samuel Gifford & Joseph C. Anthony, who are present.

The representatives to our last Q. Meeting inform they all attended.

The Committee in the case of Peleg Mitchell and Israel Buffinton Jr. not being ready to report, are continued, and desired to report to our next Meeting.

The Committee appointed last Month to make provision for the Q. Meeting, presented the following report; Viz. "To Swansey Monthly Meeting. We your Committe, appointed to make provision for our late Q. Meeting, have attended to our appointment, and find the expese thereof to be Seven & twenty five One Hundredth Dollars ($7,25) which we submit to the Meeting.

Swansey 11 mo. 25th. 1861 }

Moses Buffinton }
Lilley Gifford } Committee"

Which is satisfactory, and our Treasurer is directed to pay them the amt. thereof, and call on the Treasurer of the Q. Meeting, for the same.

1861 The Comittee on Overseers presented the following report viz—"To Swansey Mo.y Meeting of friends.

We your Commi-
Overseers) -ttee appointed to Confer with, and propose the names of suitable friends to serve as Overseers, have attended to our appointment, and propose the following viz
Lilley Gifford, Moses Buffinton, William Chace, Joseph Estes & Nathan Chace, for Overseers of the poor, Barzilla Buffinton, Abner Slade, Thomas S. Gifford, William Chace, Nathan Chace & Philip J. Tripp.

for the Committee Simpson Buffinton,"

11th. Mo. 25th. 1861}

Which is satisfactory, and we appoint the friends therein named to those services respectively for the ensuing year. Our Women's Meeting Concurring therein,

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The Committee in the case of Jervis Shove, presented the following report, viz—

"To Swansey Mo. Meeting

Dear friends,

We your Committee in the case of Jervis Shove, report, we have had several interviews with him on the subject of the Complaint, and in our opinion he does not manifest a suitable disposition to make friends satisfaction

Abner Slade,
Ellis Gifford,
Obadiah Chace. } Committee"

11 mo. 25th. 1861}

Which is accepted, and he is hereby denied his right of Membership with us, Our Women's Meeting Concurring herein, and Hiram Buffinton is appointed to inform him thereof, and report to our next Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Joseph Shove informed, they had given some attention to the object of their appointment, but not being ready to report, are continued and desired to report at our next Meeting.

Rec.d. from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting the following Communication, viz—

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 mo. 7th. 1861.

1861 It was Concluded to raise Four Hundred Dollars, which our Monthly Meetings were requested to forward to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer.

The quota of Swansey Monthly Meeting is Forty Eight Dollars ($48.00) (12 pr. ct.)
Taken from the Minutes of the Meeting.
Gilbert Congdon, Clerk

which is satisfactory, and our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting the amount therein Called for.

Clerks) The representatives now in attendance, are appointed a Committee to Confer with some friends to serve this Meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year, and report to our next Meeting.

Samuel Gifford, Assistant Clerk

12mo. 30th.} At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 12mo. 30th. 1861.

By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, it appears the representatives are, from Swansey Benjamin O. Chace & Lilly Gifford, Fall River. William Chace & Earl Chace. who are present.

Hiram Buffinton on behalf of the representatives of last Month: informed, that they were united in proposing the name of Samuel Gifford for Clerk and James Newton for Assistant Clerk of this Meeting, which being united with, they are accordingly appointed to to those Stations respectively, for the year ensuing.

The Committee in the Case of Peleg Mitchell and Israel Buffinton Jr. not being ready to report are Continued, and desired to report at our next Meeting.

Hiram Buffinton informed the appointment answered in the Case of Jervis Shove.

The Committee in the Case of Joseph Shove not being ready to report; are Continued and desired to report at our next Meeting.

Burial Ground} The time for which the Committee were appointed to have the Care of the Burial Grounds belonging to this Meeting having expired, we Conclude to reappoint the same friends

1861. for that service for the ensuing year. Viz– Abner Slade. William Chace, Ellis Giffords. Barzilla Buffinton and — Philip J. Tripp.

Funeral Committee } The following friends are appointed to Constitute our Funeral Committee for the ensuing year. Viz– Abner Slade. Hiram Buffinton. Mark Anthony. Moses Buffinton, Samuel Gifford, Darias Buffinton, Samuel R. Buffinton, Philip J. Tripp. Benjamin A. Chace William Chace. and Nathan Chace.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

1st. Mo. 27th. } At Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends held at Somerset 1mo. 27th. 1862.

By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings. the representatives are from Swansey Moses Buffinton & Benjamin S. Earl. Fall River Earl — Chace & William Chace. who are present.

The queries have — been read at this time. and the 1st. 2d. & 10th. succeede by answers from each of our preparative Meetings, and a summary thereof approved, which, with a Copy of this Minute the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting. by our friends, Samuel Gifford Barzilla Buffinton & Mark Anthony. whom we appoint our representatives.

P. Mitchell, & I. Buffinton Jr } The Committee in the Case of Peleg Mitche & Isreal Buffinton Jr. presented the following reports. Viz– To Swansey Mo. Meeting of friends.

Dear friends.

We your Committee in the Case of Peleg Mitchell report, that we have attended to our appointment by — Communicating with him by letter, and have received an answer to the same, in which he professed sincer attachment for Friends, and also for their Principles And Testemonies, yet we are Constrained to say, that he does not Manifest that state of Mind to Condemn the — active participation in the profession of arms, and therefor, does not Make friends satisfaction. All of which we submit to the Meeting

Fall River 1mo. 27th. 1862.

Ellis Gifford } Committee
Mark Anthony }

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of friends.

Dear friends.

We your Committee in the Case of Isreal Buffinton Jr. report, that we have attended to the same by addressing a letter to him, but have received no answer. We are satisfied however, that he still participates in the exercises and usages of the Military profession. It is our judgement that he is not in a Condition of Mind to make satisfaction to friends. Which we submit to the Meeting

Fall River 1mo. 27th. 1862.
Ellis Gifford }
Mark Anthony } Committee

Which are accepted. and they are denied their right of Membership with with us, our Womens Meeting uniting therein, and Samuel Gifford is appointed to inform them of the decision of this Meeting.

The Committee in the Case of Joseph Grove, not being ready to report, are Continued to next Month.

eo N. Chace } Received from our Overseers the following Complaint against George N. Chace. Viz —

To Swansey Mo. Meeting now sitting,
The Meeting is hereby informed that Geo. N. Chace a Member of this Meeting, has recently Married out of the order of our discipline.

Somerset 1mo. 27th. 1862 }
Joseph Estes }
William Chace } Overseers

Whereupon we appoint Samuel Gifford and Joseph C. Anthony, a Committee to labor with him on that account, and Report to our next Meeting.

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rius Buffinton 2d. } Received from our Overseers the following Complaint against Benjamin Buffinton and Darius Buffinton 2d. Viz — To Swansey Monthly Meeting now sitting, The Meeting is hereby informed, that Benjamin Buffinton, and Darius Buffinton, who by reason of their Connection with the party seceded from us, have entirely neglected the attendance of our Meetings, and have recently Married out of the order of our discipline.

Somerset 1mo. 27th. 1862 }
Joseph Estes }
William Chace } Overseers.

Which is accepted, and we conclude to defer the subject til our next Meeting for further Consideration.

1862 Our Treasurer informed, that he had paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting, our quota of Stock

Stock } Called for by Minute of 11th. mo. last.

Saml Giffords, Clerk

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2 mo. 24th. } At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2 mo. 24th. 1862.

By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings the representatives are, from Swansey. Lilley Giffords & Benjamin A. Chace Fall River Nathan Chace & Joseph Estes. who are presen except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

The representatives to our last Q. Meeting inform they all attended.

Saml. Gifford informed the appointment Answered in the Case of Peleg Mitchell and Israel Buffinton Jr..

Geo N. Chace } The Committee in the Case of Geo N. Chace. presented the following report. Viz- To Swansey Monthly Meeting.

Dear friends,

We your Committee in the Case of Geo N. Chace, report that we have Confered with him on the subject of the Complaint and find that he expresses a decided wish to be Retained a Member of our religious Society and also expressed, that he should endeavor to be more dilligent in the attendence of our Meetings in the future.

All of which we submit to the Meeting.

Fall River 2 mo. 24th. 1862.

Saml. Gifford
Joseph C. Anthony } Committee

Which is satisfactory, and he is accordingly restored to his right of Membership with us, having the Concurance of our Women's Meeting. And Benjamin Shove is appointed to inform him of the decision of this Meeting, and report.

The Committee in the Case of Joseph Shove, not being ready to report are continued to next Month.

1862 The Case of Benjamin Buffinton and Darius Buffinton

j Buffinton & ius Buffinton 2d.} 2d. Continued from last Month, is again Considered, And it is the Conclusion of this Meeting to deny them the right of Membership with us. having the Concurrance of our Women's Meeting. And James Newton is — appointed to inform them of the decision of the Meeting & report.

mes Estes.} Received from our Oversers the following Complaint against James Estes, Viz

"To Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends, James Estes has so far deviated from the good order of our discipline, as to proceed in Marriage with one not — in Membership with us, which we submit to the Meeting

Fall River 2 mo. 24th. 1862, Wm. Chace, Nathan Chace.} Oversers

Whereupon we appoint Ellis Gifford and Obadiah Chace, a Committee to labor with him on that account, and report to our next Meeting.

ecorder of moval rtifficates) On account of the decease of our late friend, Thomas G. Giffords, we appoint Darius Buffinton, as Recorder of removal Certifficates for the ensuing year.

We Conclude to Raise the sum of One Hundred Dollars to supply our — Treasury, and our Preparative Meetings ~~Meetings~~ are

Stock} requested to forward their respective propotions of that Amount, to Abner Slade our Treasurer,

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

1862 3 mo. 31st.} At Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends held at Somerset 3 mo. 31st. 1862.

By accounts received from each of our Preparative Meetings, the Representatives are, from Swansey — Barzilla Buffinton, & Simpson, Fall River — Earl Chace & Baylies Chace, who are present;

Benjamin Shove — informed the appointment answered in the Case of Geo N. Chace.

The Committee in the Case of Joseph Shove, not being ready to report, are Continued, and desired to report in 5th mo. next.

1862 The Committee in the Case of James Estes, presented the following report. Viz

James Estes} " To Swansey Mo. Meeting next to be held at Somerset. Dear Friends.

We your Committee in the Case of James Estes, report, that we have had an interview with him, and he expressed a strong attachment to the principles of our Society, and a desire to be restored to Membership. We recommend him to the favorable Consideration of the Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee Obadiah Chace.

Somerset 3 mo. 31st. 1862,,

Which is satisfactory, and he is accordingly restored to his right of Membership with us, having the Concurrance of our Womens Meeting. And Mark Anthony is appointed to inform him thereof, and report.

The Committee on Births, Deaths & Burials presented the following report Viz

To Swansey Mo. Meeting.

Records} We your Committee appointed for the purpose, report, that we have rendered to the Recorder an account of all the Births, Deaths and Burials that have occured within the limits of this Monthly Meeting for the past Year.

Benjamin A. Chace
Nathan Chace } Committee
Saml. Gifford.

Somerset 3 mo. 31st. 1862.}

Which is satisfactory, and it is the Conclusion of this Meeting to Continue the same friends under appointment for the ensuing Year, and report to this Meeting 3 mo. next Year. Viz Benj A. Chace, Nathan Chace and Samuel Gifford.

Samuel Gifford – Clerk

1862 }
4 mo. 28th } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 4 mo. 28th. 1862.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are, from Swansey, Barzilla Buffinton and Simpson Buffinton Fall River Ellis Gifford and William Chace, who are present.

The queries have been read at this time, with answers thereto from each of our preparative Meetings, and Summary thereof approved, which, with a Copy of this Minute, and other Necessary extracts, we forward to our ensuing Quarterley Meeting, by our friends, Moses Buffinton, William Chace, Obadiah Chace & Abner Slade, whom we appoint our representatives.

James Newton, informed the appointment answered in the Case of Benjamin Buffinton and Darius Buffinton 2d.

Mark Anthony informed the appointment answered in the Case of James Estes.

Elder } Joseph Estes informed this Meeting, that the select Preparative Meeting were united in proposing the appointment of William Chace to the station of Elder, with which this Meeting Unites, our Women friends Concurring herein.

Samuel Gifford Clerk

1862 }
5 mo. 26 } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of friends held at Somerset 5 mo. 26th. 1862.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are, from Swansey, Benjamin A. Chace & Darius Buffinton. Fall River Ellis Gifford & Asa Sherman Jr. who are present.

The ~~Quarte~~ representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

oseph Shove } The Committee in the Case of Joseph Shove, informed further attention to the Case & are Continued & desired to report at our Next Meeting.

Dorcas —
D. Shove } This Meeting unites with our Women's Meeting in the reception of a removal Certificate from

1862 Rhode Island Mo. Meeting of friends, in favor of Dorcas D. Shove.

Treasurer} We appoint Barzilla Buffinton & Gilley Gifford a Committee to audit & settle the Treasurers a/c, & propose the name of some friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer for the ensuing year, & report to our next Meeting.

Samuel Gifford Clerk.

6mo. 30th.} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall Rive 6mo. 30th. 1862.

Accounts are received from each of our preparative Meetings & the representatives are, from Swansey - Moses Buffinton & Joseph Estes. Fall-River, William Chace & Benjamin Shove. who are present.

Our beloved friend Joseph Hobson. attended this Meeting & presented satisfactory Minutes from Gillead Monthly Meeting of friends. Morrow Co. Ohio. held 4mo. 15th. 1862. Endorsed by Allum Creek Quarterly Meeting, held at Goshen. Logan Co. Ohio. 5mo. 3d. 1862. Expressing unity with his Ministry, and present religious engagement.

His Company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend, Isaac Stanley, attended this Meeting as Companio to our friend Joseph Hobson, & presented satisfactory Minutes from Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting of friends, Columbiana Co. Ohio, held 5th. mo. 24th. 1862.

His Company has been acceptable to us. And the Clerk is directed to furnish them, with copies of Minutes Made on their accounts, & sign them on behalf of this Meetin

Joseph Shove} The Committee in the Case of Joseph Shove, presented the following report, accompanied by an acknowledg- ment from him, Viz-

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of friends.

We your Committee in the Case of Joseph Shove, report that we have had several interviews with him, the last of which, resulted in some degree of satisfaction to the Committee, we present herewith a Communicatio from him & submit the Case to the Meeting. - - - -

1862 on behalf of the Committee

Simpson Buffinton }
Samuel Gifford. }

Fall River 6 mo. 30th. 1862.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of friends

Dear friends,

I hereby admit that I have indulged in a spirit of Deffamation and Detraction, against the good order of our discipline. I now acknowledge my error and desire the Mo. Meeting to forgive me for so doing. I also promise to endeavor to refrain from such offences in the future.

signed—Joseph Shove.

Fall River 6 mo. 30th. 1862}

Both of which are satisfactory to this Meeting. And he is therefore restored to his right of Membership with us. Our Women's Meeting Concurring herein. And Hiram Buffinton is appointed to inform him of the decision of this Meeting in his Case, & report.

Treasurer} The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers a/c & for other purposes, presented the following report, viz.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting.

We your Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, have attended to that duty, & find in his hands, Seventy Seven & 96/100 Dollars ($77.96) and we would recommend Abner Slade for Treasurer which we submit to the Meeting.

Lilley Gifford }
Barzilla Buffinton } Committee

Swansey 6 mo. 30th. 1862}

Which is satisfactory & we accordingly appoint Abner Slade as Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

Our Treasurer informed that each of our Preparative Meetings have paid their propotion of Stock ordered in 2d. mo. last.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk

1862 At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
7mo. 28th Somerset. 7mo. 28th 1862

Account are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are from Swansey. Barzilla Buffinton & Joseph Estes, Fall River: Earl Chace & Ellis Gifford. who are present,

John Henry Douglass

Our beloved friend, John Henry Douglass, attended this Meeting, and presented satisfactory Certificates from Dover Mo. Meeting of friends. Clinton Co. Ohio. held 17th of 4th mo. Endorsed by Center Quarterly Meeting, held 3d of 5th mo 1862. Expressing unity with his Ministry, and present religious engagements.

His Company, and Gospel labors, have been truely acceptable to us.

We have also the Company of our beloved friend, Eli Harvey, as Companion to our friend John Henry Douglass, who presented satisfactory Certificates from Springfield Mo Meeting of friends Ohio, held at Lytles Creek 5 mo. 17th 1862, Expressing unity with him, as an Elder, and with his present engagement; His Company & solid deportment have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends, with Copies of the foregoing Minuets & sign them on behalf of this Meeting

The queries have been read at this time & the 1st. 2d. & 10th. succeeded by answers from each of our Preparative Meetings, from which a summary has been compiled which, with a Copy of this minute, the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by Joseph C. Anthony. Moses Buffinton, & Samuel Gifford whom we appoint our representatives.

Committee on education

Received & read a report of the Committee having Charge of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, which is satisfactory to us, and we appoint, Ellis Gifford, Hiram Buffinton, Joseph Estes, James Newton, Obadiah Chace, & Mark Anthony, to constitute our School Committee for the ensuing year. And in accordance with a suggestion of our late Yearly Meeting, they are desired, with a simerly Committee

YEARLY MEETING, SIXTH MONTH, 1862.

The Committee on Education presented a Report, which is interesting to this Meeting; and in conformity with the suggestions contained therein, our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to render their aid in procuring accurate statistical information, and by other proper means to assist the Committee in the fulfilment of the interesting and important concern of this Meeting, for the increase of the number of First Day schools, and for the promotion of the religious and literary education of our dear youth and children, in conformity with our established order and Christian principles.

From the Minutes of the meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

of Women friends, to act in Conjuntion with the Yearly Meetings Committee, for the purpose of obtaining accurate statistical information, promoting the Religious and Literary education of our dear Youth & Children, and to encourage the establishment & increase the efficientcy of First day Schools.

Also received & read the following Minute of advice from our late Yearly Meeting in relation to the proper observance of the tenth Query

While engaged in the review of the state of Society, the vital importance of the right performance of the duty alluded to in the tenth query, was brought impressively before us, and we were feelingly reminded of the course prescribed in the Gospel, upon which our discipline is founded.

First, let the labor with an offending brother be between him and thee alone—then two or three may engage in the work; and if this be unavailing, the aid of the Church may be rightly invoked to exercise its authority, in the spirit of meekness and wisdom. A committee is to be appointed, free from prejudice, moving in the fear of God and in the love of Christ, to labor, in this love and in tenderness, to show the offender the error of his way, and to restore him to the right path; and if all this prove unavailing, then may the Church testify against his evil way, and, for the sake of the cause of Truth, dissolve his connection with our religious body. This course is according to the discipline and usage of our Society; and it is the sense and judgment of this Meeting, that the case must be of a very flagrant nature, in which the Truth would greatly suffer by delay, to justify a more summary proceeding. Friends are entreated to be sure that no root of bitterness exists in their own hearts,—a fatal disqualification for doing good to others. No one can tell how abundant may be the fruits of the labor, bestowed in the love and under the influence of the spirit of Christ, whether they are immediately manifested, or gathered after many days. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou, also, be tempted."

The Clerk is requested to forward this Minute to subordinate Meetings, to be observed by them.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

Also received One Hundred Copies of the printed Minutes of our late Yearly Meeting, which the Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting, are desired to distribute among our Members,

Samuel Gifford } Clerk

1862
8mo. 25th. At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 8mo. 25th. 1862.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey, Darius Buffinton, & Moses Buffinton Fall River, Saml. Giffords & Nathan Chace, who are presen

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

Received at this time One Hundred Copies of the London General Epistle for the year 1861- One of which has been read at this time, to our edification & encouragement. Our representatives now in attendance are desired to distribute them among our Members.

Samuel Gifford } Clerk

9mo. 29th.} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerse 9th. mo. 29th. 1862.

Accounts are received from each of ou Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are fro Swansey, Moses Buffinton & Daniel Chace, Fall River William Chace & Joseph C. Anthony. who are present,

Hiram Buffinton informed the appointment answered in the case of Joseph Shove.

Request from Thos. Potter } Received at this time the following Communication from Thomas Potter, Viz-

"To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Esteemed Friends.

This may inform, that I believe it to be right for me, to become a Member of your Society. And I do hereby reque to be taken under your Christian Care, if it meets your approval.

Swansey 9th. mo. 25th. 1862} Thomas Potter."

Whereupon we appoint Obadiah Chace & Joseph Estes. a Committee to confer with him on the subject, and report to our next Meeti

A. A. Slade } C. E. Slade } Received from our Overseers the following Complaint against Annis A. Slade. & Charles E. Slade. Viz-

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

1862
9 mo. 29th This may inform that Annis A. Slade. & Charles E. Slade. who, by reason of their connection with those who seperated from us in 1844. do not manifest any interest for our Society. either by the attendance of our Meetings — or otherwise. and have now inlisted in the Military service of the United States.

Somerset 9 mo. 29th 1862} Joseph Estes. Wm Chace. } Overseers.

And we appoint Ellis Gifford and Obadiah Chace. to take the subject under consideration, and report when ready.

eo N. Chace} Received from our Overseers the following complaint against George N. Chace, Viz
To Swansey Monthly Meeting.
Dear Friends.
You are hereby informed, that George N. Chace. has inlisted in the Military service of the United States.

Somerset 9 mo. 29th 1862} Joseph Estes. William Chace} Overseers

And we appoint Mark Anthony & Samuel Gifford, to labor with him on that account and report to our next Meeting.

mmittee on moval ertifficates} We appoint Ellis Gifford. Abner Slade. Moses Buffinton, William Chace. & Samuel Gifford, to constitute our Committee on removal Certifficates. And they are also desired to assertain, as near as practicable the Names & residence of those of our Members. who have removed from this Monthly Meeting, and have not had removal Certifficates. and report to to this to our next Meeting.

Samuel Gifford} Clerk

1862}
10th mo. 27th At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 10 mo. 27th 1862.

Accounts are recieved from each of of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are from Swansey Joseph Estes & Abner Slade. Fall river Ellis Giffords & Nathan Chace. who are present.

The queries have been read at this time, and the 1st 2d & 10th succeeded by answers from each of our Preparative Meetings. and a-

1862
10mo. 27th} Summary thereof compiled, which, with a Copy of this Minute, the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Benjamin A. Chace, Lilley Gifford, & Joseph C. Anthony, whom we appoint our representatives.

Thos. Potter} The Committee in the Case of Thomas Potter, presented the following report,- viz,

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friend.

In accordance with the appointment of last month, we have visited Thomas Potter, on account of his request for Membership with us; and the interview was satisfactory, believing him to be sincere in his request.

Joseph Estes. } Committee
Fall River 10mo. 27th. 1862} Obadiah Chace. }

Which is satisfactory, and he is therefore admitted into Membership with us. Our Women's Meeting concurring herein; and Lilley Gifford, is appointed to inform him thereof and report.

The Committee in the Case of Geo. A. Chace, inform they had given some attention to the object of their appointment, and they are continued, and desired to report at our next Meeting.

The Committee on removal Certificates presented the following report, viz,

Removals} To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends

We your Committee on removal Certificates, report - that we find the following named persons have removed from within the limits of this Mo. Meeting, and have not been furnished with removal Certificates, Viz—
Asa Shove, Wife Harriet A. and Daughter Mary Abby Shove,
Beloit, Rock Co. Wisconsin,
Charles H. Swift. St. Peter, Minn.
Abner S. Wing. No. 4 Brattle St. Boston, Mass.
James Estes. Lonsdale, R.I.
Nathan C. Estes. Worcester Mass.
Thomas B. Mitchell. Springfield. Mass.
Thomas Slade. St. Louis, Mo.

on behalf of the Committee Saml. Gifford
Fall River 10mo. 27th. 1862}

mo. 27th} Which is accepted, and directed to be placed on our Records

harity R. Almy}

This Meeting unites with our Womens Meeting in the disownment of Charity R. Almy. formerly Buffinton

We appoint Moses Buffinton, Abner Slade & Rowland Buffinton, a committee to Make the necessary provission for our approaching Q. Meeting, and report the expense at our Next Meeting

Overseers} We appoint Darius Buffinton, Mark Anthony, Ellis Gifford & Obadiah Chace, a Committee to present the names of some friend to serve this Meeting as Overseers, and also for Overseers of the poor, and report at our Next Meeting.

onathan Slade}

Received from our Overseers the following Complaint against Jonathan Slade, Viz.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends

Dear friends,

You are hereby informed, that Jonathan Slade, a Member of this Meeting, has so far given way to the spirit of Warfare, as to have been engaged in Military operations under the Government of the United States

For which he has been labored with, but without any satisfactory result.

Fall River 10mo. 27th. 1862{ Joseph Estes
William Chace } Overseers.

And we appoint Joseph C. Anthony, Mark Anthony, & Lloyd Chace, a Committee to labor with him on that account, and report to our next Meeting.

tock} It is the Conclusion of this Meeting to raise the sum of One Hundred Dollars to supply its Treasury, and the Representatives now in attendance are desired to request our Preparative Meetings to forward their respective proportions to Abner Slade our Treasurer.

Samuel Gifford } Clerk

11mo. 24th} At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11mo. 24th. 1862,

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are from Swansey, Barzilla Buffinton & Moses Buffinton —

1862
11mo. 24th. Fall River: Earl Chace & Daniel Robinson, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

Lemuel Gifford} Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford, attended this Meeting, and presented satisfactory Minuets from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9mo. 5th. and endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held 10mo. 2d. 1862. each expressing unity with his Ministry and present religious engagement.

His Company and religiou services have been acceptable to us.

A.S. Payson} Our beloved friend Albert S. Payson, attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory Minuets from Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th. mo. 28th. 1862. Expressing unity with his Ministry and present Religious engagement.

His Company and Religious services have bein acceptable to us.

And the Clerk is directed to furnish them with Minuets made on their account, and sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

Lilly Gifford, informed he had attended to the appointment in the Case of Thomas Potter.

Geo. N. Chace} The Committee in the Case of Geo. N. Chace presented the following report, viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

"We your Committee appointed to labor with Geo. N. Chace, report, that we have not had a personal interview with him, but soon after our appointmen communicated with him by letter, and have sinc heard of its reception, but have received no reply. We believe he is still in the Military service, And therefore, is not in a condition to make frien satisfaction.

Which we submit to the Meeting.

Fall River 11mo. 24th. 1862} Mark Anthony
Saml. Gifford } Committee

which is accepted, And he is therefore denied his right of Membership with us. Our Women's Meeting Concurring herein.

And Ellis Gifford is appointed to inform him and report.

nnis A. Slade,
s. E. Slade. }

The Committee in the case of Annis A. Slade, and Chas. E. Slade, presented the following report, Viz— To Swansey Monthly of Friends

We your Committee in the Case of Annis A. Slade, and Chas. E. Slade, have given attention to our appointment, And find the Complaint fully sustained, we believe they are not in state of mind to make friends satisfaction, which we submit to the Meeting,

Ellis Gifford
Somerset 11 mo. 24th 1862 } Obadiah Chace } Committee,

Which is accepted, and they are therefore denied their right of Membership — with us. Our Womens Meeting Concurring herein,

And James Newton is appointed to inform them, and Report.

The Committee appointed to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting, presented the following report, - viz-

To Swansey Monthly Meeting,
We the Committee to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting, report the expense to be Six & $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars, ($6.50)

for the Committee Abner Slade.
11th mo. 24th 1862 }

Which is satisfactory, And our Treasurer is directed to pay them the amt. of their bill, and charge the same to the a/c of the Quarterly Meeting.

Overseers }

The Committee appointed to present the names of some friends for Overseers, and for Overseers of the poor.

Report the following, Viz —
"For Overseers, Leilley Giffords, Moses Buffinton, William Chace, Mark Anthony, and Nathan Chace.

And for Overseers of the poor, Abner Slade, Barzilla Buffinton, Wm. Chace, Mark Anthony & Nathan Chace," for the Committee
Somerset 11 mo. 24th 1862 } Ellis Giffords"

1862
11mo. 24th.} Which is satisfactory. And they are accordingly
appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuin
Year, Our Womens Meeting Concurring herein.

Jonathan Slade} The Committe
in the Case of Jonathan Slade presented the following Report
—Viz—

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

We your
Committee appointed to labor with Jonathan—
Slade, report, that we have had an interview with him
And altho' he Manifests an interest for the Society
of friends he does not Condemn his past deviations
from its discipline, we are therefore united in—
recommending a Minute of denial against him
which we Submit to the Meeting.

Joseph C. Anthony.
Mark Anthony.
Lloyd Chase.
} Committee

Fall River 11mo. 24th. 1862}

Which is accepted
And he is accordingly denied his right of Membership
with us, Our Womens' Meeting Concurring herein.

And Saml. Gifford is appointed to—
inform him, and report.

Received the following
Communication from the Clerk of our Quarterly
Meeting in relation to Stock, Viz

Q.M. Stock} At Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11mo.
6th. 1862, it was Concluded to raise Three Hundred
and fifty Dollars, and our Monthly Meetings are
requested to forward this Amt. to Welcome Congdon.
our Treasurer. The Quota of Swansey Monthly Mee
-ing is Forty two Dollars (42.00) 12 pr. Cent.

Gilbert Congdon, Cler

And our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer
of the Quarterly Meeting the Amt. therein Called for.

Clerks} The Representativ
now in attendance of this Meeting, are desired to Confer
with some friends to serve this Meeting as Clerk and Assist
Clerk for the ensuing Year, and report at our Next Meeting.

Samuel Gifford} Clerk

1862}

12/29 At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall-- River 12mo. 29th. 1862.

Accounts are recieved from each of our Preparative Meetings. and the representatives are, from Swansey. Joseph Estes, & Abner Slade. Fall River— Benjamin Shove & James Newton. who are present.

lerks} Earl Chace of behalf of the Representatives informed, they had confered together on the subject of Clerks and were united in proposing Samuel Gifford for Clerk, and James Newton for Assistant Clerk, which being united with, they are accordingley appointed to those stations respectively, for the ensuing year.

Saml. Gifford.

Slade.} informed that he had attende to the appointment in the Case of Jonathan Slade.

urial) rounds) The time for which our Committee on Burial Grounds were appointed, having expired, we reappoint the following, to that service for the ensuing year Viz- Abner Slade. William Chace. Ellis Gifford. Barzilla Buffinton & Philip J. Tripp.

uneral- } ommittee) The time for which our Funeral Committee were appointed. having expired. we Conclude to reappoint the following friends to that service for the ensuing year, viz- Abner Slade. Hiram Buffinton. Mark Anthony. Moses Buffinton, Saml. Gifford. Darius Buffinton. Saml. R. Buffinton. Philip J. Tripp. Benjamin A. Chace. William Chace. and Nathan Chace.

Our Treasurer informed that Fall River Preparative Meeting had paid their propotion of Stock ordered in 10th. mo. last.

Samuel Gifford.} Clerk

/26/63 At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 1mo. 26th. 1863.

Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings. and the Representatives are from Swansey. Barzilla Buffinton & Thomas Potter. Fall River. Ellis Gifford & William Chace. who are present.

The queries have been read at this time and the 1st. 2o. & 10th. succeeded by answers from each of our

1863
1mo. 26th. Preparative Meetings and a summary thereof adopted which, with a Copy of this Minute, and other necessary extracts, the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends William Chace, Mark Anthony & Abner Slade, whom we appoint our — representatives.

James Newton informed that he had attended to the appointment in the Case of Chas. E. Slade & Annes A. Slade.

Our Treasurer informed that Swansey Preparative Meeting have paid their propotion of Stock ordered in 10th mo. last.

S. Slade (Elder) This Meeting unites with our Women's Meeting in the appointment of Sarah Slade to the station of Elder.

E. Hull, Minister We also unite with our Womens Meeting in acknowledging the Gift, and approving the public appearance in the Ministry of Eliza Hull.

Samuel Giffords Clerk.

1863
2mo. 23d. At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2mo. 23d. 1863.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings. And the representatives are from Swansey, Moses Buffinton, & Gilley Giffords, Fall River, Baylies Chace & Nathan Chace, who are presen

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

Ellis Giffords, informed that he had attended to his appointment in the Case of George N. Chace.

Recorder of removal Certifficates The time for which our recorder of removal Certifficates was appointed having expired we conclude to reappoint Darius Buffinton, to that service for the ensuing year.

Samuel Giffords. Clerk

1863
3mo. 30th. At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somers 3d. mo. 30th. 1863.

Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings. and the Representatives are from

1863.
3 mo. 30th} Swansey Lilley Gifford & Abner Slade. Fall river. Saml. Giffords & Benj. Snove, who are present.

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Records} The Committee on Births, Deaths & Burrials, presented the following report. Viz

To Swansey Mo. Meeting.

We your Committee appointed for the purpose, report, that we have rendered to the Recorder, an account of all the Births, Deaths, & Burrials that have occured within the limits of this Mo. Meeting for the past year.

on behalf of the Committee Samuel Gifford
Somerset 3 mo. 30th. 1863}

Which is satisfactory. and we — Continue the same friends under appointment for the ensuing year. and desire them to report in 3 mo. next year. The names of Committee are Nathan Chace. Benjamin A. Chace & Saml. Gifford.

By the request of Friends residing in the easterly part of the Town of Warren, R.I. We appoint Mark Anthony. Abner Slade. Moses Buffinton. — Saml. Gifford. William Chace. & Darius Buffinton. a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of Womens friends. to Consider the propriety of establishing a Meeting for Divine Worship at that place, and report their judgment at a future Meeting.

Saml. Gifford Clerk.

1863
4 mo. 27th} At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 4 mo. 27th. 1863

Accounts are recieved from each of our Preparative Meetings. and the Representatives are from Swansey. Joseph Estes. & Barzilla Buffinton. Fall River — Samuel Giffords & Baylies Chace, who are present.

The queries have been read at this time, with answers thereto from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a summary thereof adopted, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, together with a copy of this minute, by our Friends Obadiah Chace. Samuel Giffords & Baylies Chace, whom we appoint our representatives.

Recieved from our Meeting for Suffering One Hundred Copies of the following;

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4mo. 27th } Minute of advice, one of which has been read at this time to our Satisfaction and Comfort; And we direct the distribution of them among our Members.

AT A MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS
HELD BY ADJOURNMENT AT
PROVIDENCE, THE 24th OF 3d MO., 1863.

In seasons of adversity and trial it becomes brethren to sympathize one with another; to pray one for another; and so far as may be to bear the burdens one of another and thus "fulfill the law of Christ."

Assembled as we now are and engaged, in this time of calamity when the desolating scourge of war is upon our country, to know what is required at our hands, we have felt drawn in much tenderness towards our beloved fellow members of this Yearly Meeting with fervent desires to strengthen them to be steadfast and immovable in doing the work of the Lord, and in obeying the teaching and precepts of the blessed Saviour, of Him at whose advent a multitude of the Heavenly Host praised "God, saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." In these heavenly strains was the birth of Christ celebrated by the angels. To establish peace on earth was one of the purposes for which he left the bosom of the Father; took upon Him the form of a servant and dwelt among men. In all His teachings and in all the declarations of the glad tidings both by inspired men and by angels, peace, peace is proclaimed.

For our present object it may not be necessary for us to recite the full and explicit commands, by which as a religious Society we have ever felt bound unequivocally to bear our testimony against all war, under whatever provocation or temptation; and in support thereof much suffering has been endured; many sacrifices have been made; many afflictions have been borne by our forefathers in the Truth—but the Lord delivered out of them all.

In our own favored land in time past, liberty of conscience, with little exception, has been held sacred by our Legislators, and few of our members of the present generation have suffered either in person or estate on account of our christian principles. It is possible that in our entire freedom we have not all of us always been so consistent in maintaining, so concerned in upholding this testimony before our fellow-men; so engaged that our light should shine in their presence as to produce conviction on their minds of the depth and sacredness of this vital testimony in our hearts. We have not perhaps always shown that our trust for preservation was placed on the Lord Almighty, and not on the strength of man—and it may be that we shall yet be required to suffer for Christ's sake in the support of Peace. But will we shrink from suffering, if thereby we maintain a conscience void of offence toward God and man?

We tenderly entreat and exhort our dear young men, not to violate or disregard a conscientious scruple—Trust in God—He is a present help in time of need—They who love Him never yet sought His face in vain—His name is a strong tower into which all these may run and find safety—Even if assailed be courteous to all, and manifest a meek and quiet spirit with that love which becomes followers of Jesus; and thus you may turn away all wrath and bring revilers to serious reflection and peradventure be instrumental in winning them to Christ—Avoid all contention and excitement and all unprofitable discussion of the measures adopted by the Rulers of our nation now in power—While you love your country, and are ready to relieve the sufferings of our fellow men, by every christian means in your power, you may best promote your country's good by putting up your prayers for its preservation and for the restoration of peace within all its borders.

And our elder brethren we entreat to watch over the younger in tender love—Keep near them—Counsel them for good—Endeavor to lighten their burdens should they be involved in trials—Remind them of the sure promises of God to all that put their trust in Him—Go with them into suffering if suffering should be their lot—Let it be seen of all men that the love of Christ binds us together.

While we believe it right for us thus to express our feelings and our deep concern, and to exhort all to unswerving faithfulness, we are comforted with an abiding faith that we shall not be tried beyond what we are able to bear, but that a way of escape and relief will be provided by Him, who hath power to turn the hearts of the children of men as one turneth the water course in his field, and who is most honored when most trusted—best pleased when best obeyed.

The Clerk is requested to have three thousand copies of the foregoing Minute printed, and furnished to the Meetings and Members of this Yearly Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYCE, Clerk.

Meeting in Warren } "The Committee appointed last Month on the s of establishing a Meeting in Warren, presented the follow report. Viz

"To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends,

We your Com=mittee appointed for the purpose of Considering the subject of establishing a Meeting for Divine Worship

4mo. 27th } in Warren, report, that we are united in the opinion that it is right to grand the request, Viz= that a Meeting for Worship May be held in the easterly part of the Town of Warren, R.I. on the first-first day in each Month, at 3 o'clock P. M. to Continue for Six Months, Commencing in the Sixth Month next, all of which we submit to the Meeting.

Fall River 4mo. 27th. 1863 } Abner Slade. } On behalf of the
Maria Buffinton } Committee

Which is satisfactory, and the reccommendations — embraced in the Report are approved by this Meeting our Womens Meeting Concurring herein.

Samuel Gifford } Clerk

5mo. 25th. At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 5mo. 25th. 1863.

Accounts are recieved from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are from Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Moses Buffinton, Fall River, Joseph C. Anthony, & Nathan Chace, who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended. -

We appoint Moses Buffinton & Hiram Buffinton a Committee to Audit and settle the Treasurers account and propose the Name of some friend for Treasurer the ensuing year, and report at our next Meeting.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk

6mo. 29th. } At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Fall River, 6mo. 29th. 1863.

Accounts are recieved from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are, from Swansey, Benjamin A. Chace, and Moses Buffinton, Fall River, Benjamin Shove, and Ellis Gifford. who are present.

Treasurer } The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers account & for other purposes, presented the following report, Viz-

Somerset 6mo. 29th. 1863.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends.

We your committee appointed to settle the Treasurers a/c

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6mo 29th report, that we have attended thereto, and find remaining in his hands Forty Nine & 46/100 Dollars ($49.46) and we propose the name of Abner Slade, for Treasurer." Moses Buffinton & Hiram Buffinton, Committee}

Which is accepted, and we accordingly appoint Abner Slade, Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

Received from our late Yearly-Meeting 90 Copies of the London General Epistle for the Year 1862, one of which, has been read at this time, Much to our satisfaction and encouragement. And our Representatives are desired to distribute them among our Members.

Samuel Gifford. Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at at Somerset 7mo 27th 1863

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representati are from Swansey. Simpson Buffinton, & Hiram Buffi Fall River, William Chace & James Newton, who are presen

The queries have been read at th time, and the first, second & tenth, succeeded by answers from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a summar thereof being approved, the Clerk is directed to forward the same, together with a copy of this Minute, to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by our friends, Ellis Giffor Joseph C. Anthony & Obadiah Chace, whom we appoin our Representatives

Education Committee} Recieved, and read at this time, (the following report of the Yearly Meetings Committe having Charge of the Boarding School at Providence, which is satisfactory, also recieved the following report from a Committee of this Meeting on the subject of Education, which is also satisfactory. And we reappoint the following named Friends to constitu our School Committee for the ensuing year, and the are desired, in connection with a similar Committee o Women friends to act in conjunction, with the Yea Meetings Committee to promote the Religious and Literary education of our dear Youth and Children in accordance with the views set forth in the

YEARLY MEETING, SIXTH MONTH, 1863.

:o THE YEARLY MEETING:—

The committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during past year, report: that they have attended to their appointment, l have much satisfaction in being able to state that it is in a pros-ous condition, and that the administration of its various concerns has n such as to meet their approval.

The number of pupils admitted into the School, for the summer term, s 87, viz., 53 males and 34 females; for the winter term, 166, viz., males and 68 females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley and iza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; an F. Rowell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Nichols, Teachers English branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles Paine, Assistant Teacher of Greek and Latin; Alfred Gaudelet, acher of French; Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. In the nmer term, Rebecca D. Wing, and in the winter term, Bessie T. ing were employed on account of the delicate health of Rebecca H. iley.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the School house First day mornings, which have been uniformly satisfactory; and scholars continue to attend meetings of Friends in the city, on First y afternoons and in the middle of the week.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally very od, except that in the early part of the winter term it was interrupted one or two cases of diphtheria, and several cases of pneumonia, one which early assumed the typhoid form and proved fatal, in the per- of Daniel Heustis Chace, of Bristol, Rhode Island, a young man arly 21 years of age, son of Daniel and Harriet Chace. This dis-nsation of Divine Providence was thus noticed in the minutes of the nmittee:—"The removal by death of one of the pupils, above re-red to, introduced us into a renewed and solemn sense of the uncer-nty of life, and in this feeling our hearts were exercised in sympathy the bereaved relatives, in the humble trust that they mourn not as se without hope, and that our Heavenly Father may be a present p in their severe affliction."

At our meeting in the 9th month, we received the following com-nication from our friend, Jacob Metcalf:—

"Providence, 9th mo. 10th, 1862.

the Committee of New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School.
Dear Friends:

My father, Ebenezer Metcalf, having in his will bequeathed to the arly Meeting Boarding School, after my decease, under circum-nces therein specified, sixty-five shares of the capital stock of the anufacturers Bank, in Providence, (par value $6,500); one hundred d twenty shares of the Phenix Bank, Providence, (par value $6,000), hundred shares of the New England Pacific Bank, Pawtucket; ar value $5,000); and one hundred shares of North Providence nk, (par value, $5,000), for the education of poor children, in that stitution; and being desirous, in my lifetime, to contribute to the ob-t contemplated by my dear father, I have this day authorized the easurer of the School fund to receive the dividends from the stocks ove enumerated until otherwise ordered by me, to be applied as di-cted in said will, a copy of which, so far as relates to this bequest, I rewith present, reserving to myself the right of designating any child children whom I may desire to receive the benefit of a part of said come, they being admitted subject to the Rules and Regulations of the hool.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of the Institution,
I am your friend,
JACOB METCALF."

Upon receiving the foregoing communication, the following minute s placed upon our records, viz.:—

"This generous and liberal donation from our friend, Jacob Metcalf, gratefully received by us, and we trust it will prove a blessing to ny of the youth within our Yearly Meeting. We accept it as an idence, on the part of our friend, of a desire to promote the best in-rests of those who need a helping hand in obtaining an education to alify them for usefulness in the world, and desire that the benevolent nor may be blessed in his deed."

During the past year, a neat and convenient Astronomical Observa-ry has been erected on the School premises, and furnished with a escope, transit instrument and clock; the expense of these instruments ing mostly defrayed by the subscription of a few friends. The object med at is to give the scholars generally an opportunity of observing some of the more common and striking telescopic phenomena of the heavens, and more especially, to provide for those pursuing the study of Astronomy an opportunity of working practical problems by means of well-constructed instruments of moderate power. The more advanced pupils are accustomed to the free use of the instruments, and it is believed that in this way the study of Astronomy will be made more thorough and attractive.

By the report of the committee to examine the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole expenses for the past year have been defrayed by receipts from board and tuition, the products of the farm and fifty-two hundred dollars received from the Treasurer of the School fund, and that a balance of one hundred and one dollars remains in his hands. A large expenditure was required in painting the house and erecting the observatory, and further expenditures will soon be necessary for keeping the buildings in good repair. Notwithstanding this, and the greatly enhanced cost of all articles of consumption, we think it will be safe, under the prudent and skilful management of our Principals, to propose that prices for pupils remain the same as last year, viz.: $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and $100 for any others, payable in all cases in advance, and that $5 additional charge continue to be made for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished as heretofore.

In conclusion, we may state that moral and religious instruction, including, especially, a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, has, we think, been faithfully attended to, and the pupils generally have given evidence of interest in these important exercises; and we thankfully trust that this Institution continues to be remembered by Him whose blessing alone can sustain us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee,
GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th mo. 12th, 1863.

NOTE.—The summer term, 1863, closes the 30th of 9th month.

The winter term, 1863–4, commences on fourth day, the 4th of 11th month, and closes the 23d of 3d month, 1864.

The summer term of 1864 commences fourth day, the 4th of 5th month.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils and all others visiting the School will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,
ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

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mo. 27th.} Minute of our Yearly Meeting in 1862. – the Committee are. Ellis Gifford, Hiram Buffinton, Joseph Estes, James Newton, Obadiah Chase and Mark Anthony.

Report.

" To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

We your Committee on the subject of education present the follow- report. We have held several Meetings of the Committee, for the purpose of promoting the object of our appointment, and believe that a good degree of success has attended our labors.

In Swansey Preparative Meeting there has been a portion of the past year two Family Schools, under the Care of Friends. Number of Scholars – 10 Also one First day School, taught 6 Months. Whole Number of Scholars 29 – Number of Teachers 4 – Avarage attendence 22 – ditto – ditto – of Members 15 One Bible Class 7 Months. Number belonging to the same 33 – average attendence 22 – ditto of Members 15.

In Fall River Preparative Meeting, one First day School for 10 Months. Whole Number of Scholars 37 – Average attendence 26 – Number of Teachers – 6 – Average attendence of Scholars not Members 3 – –
— " — " — " visitors — — — 8 – –

Also one Bible Class for 8 Months, held weekly. Whole Number of Members 42. Average attendence 27.

Number of our Members engaged in teaching the past year. 5

Six of our Members have attended Freinds School in Providence, Several not Members have been admitted to the same School by the efforts of the Committee.

Ellis Gifford } On behalf of the Committee

Fall River 7 mo. 27th. 1863 } "

We unite with our Womens Meeting in the disownment of Lydia B. Chase.

G. Estes.}

Received from our Overseers the following information. Viz – To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Freinds –

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7mo. 27th.{ Thomas G. Estes. as so far deviated from the ord of our Discipline, as to procede in Marriage with one not in Membership with us. We have laboured with him on that account, and find he expresses a desire to be restored to his Right of Membership with us. And believing him to be sincere. We recommend the Meeting to do so. without further labor.

William Chace {
Mark Anthony } Overseers.

Fall River 7mo. 25th. 1863{

Which is satisfactory — And in accordance with the recommendation therein Contained, we Conclude to restore him to his right of Membership with us. having the unity of the Womens Meeting. And William Chace is appointed to inform him therup and report.

Thos. B. Mitchell{ Thomas B. Mitchell. having requested a Certificate to enable him to proceed in Marriage with a member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends. We appoint Earl Chace. William Chace and Samuel Gifford, to enquire in relation to his Clearness, and if Nothing appears to prevent, to ~~and~~ present a certificate ~~to~~ our Next Meeting. And agreeable to the request of the parties we Conclude to adjourn this Meeting to Meet at the Close of the Midweek Meeting in Fall River, the 12th. of 8th. mo.

James Estes{ James Estes. having removed to reside — within the limits of Providence Mo. Meeting. We — appoint Benjamin A. Chace & Ellis Gifford, a Commit to prepare an essay of a removal Certificate on his behalf an present to our Next regular Meeting.

Received 100 Copies of the printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting. Which our Representatives are desired to distribute among our Members.

Samuel Gifford{ Clerk

At a Special meeting of our Meeting for Sufferings held in Boston the 30th of 7 mo., 1863.

At our meeting, specially called at this time on account of the trials to which our beloved younger Friends are now subjected by the Conscription Law of the General Government for supplying soldiers for the army, we have been introduced into deep and tender sympathy on account of this class and very earnest has been our desire that they may be strengthened to maintain in simplicity and humility, faithful allegiance to the Prince of Peace, and to be firm in the support of our testimony founded on the direct commands and teachings of our blessed Lord and His apostles against all war. We are very desirous that there should be no doubts in the minds of any Friends as to the incompatibility of a maintenance of our christian testimony against war, and a compliance with the existing law by payment of money as a commutation for the performance of military service—and we believe it proper to call the attention of Friends to a portion of our ancient Discipline, viz. :—

> "We are sorrowfully affected, by the answers to the queries, that some friends have failed in the maintenance of our Christian testimony against wars and fighting, by joining with others to hire substitutes, and by the payment of money to exempt themselves from personal service, in the militia; a practice inconsistent with the testimony to the reign of the Prince of Peace our ancients received, and were concerned to maintain through cruel sufferings, and which the faithful in this day dare not shrink from : Which defection from our Christian testimony and general practice having been matter of sorrow to this meeting, we are concerned strongly to advise against, and that friends every where stand faithful and single in their dependence on the Lord for preservation, who alone is forever able to keep in perfect safety. And if suffering be the lot which doth result from such obedience to the divine requiring, such will, as they abide in the simplicity and innocence of truth, reap the fruits of peace in their own bosom. Let therefore the care of friends, in their several monthly-meetings, be exerted to prevent any contributions for hiring substitutes, or other methods of exempting themselves from the militia, inconsistent with our well-known testimony. 1760."

Dear friends, now is our time of trial—now is the time for us to manifest to our fellow-men that while we would pay all respect to our Government—while we sympathize with those in authority in their peculiarly painful position—while we are loyal to our country, and are disposed cheerfully to bear every burden which we may do without conflicting with our conscientious scruples—yet whatever may be our sufferings, we feel our allegiance to the King of Kings to be paramount to all other considerations.

This meeting is adopting all the means that we think calculated to procure relief—but whether successful or not, we entreat you to trust in the arm omnipotent—patiently and manfully endure suffering, if that be necessary to secure peace of conscience—and your trust will not prove in vain.

Practically we believe it may prove the safest course for Friends when they receive notice that they are conscripted, to present themselves before the designated authority at the appointed time, and in respectful terms, acknowledging their loyalty to the Government, make known their conscientious scruples against bearing arms—that they cannot avail themselves of the provisions of the existing laws by paying commutation money, or by supplying a substitute—or any other mode of exemption except the provisions for physical disability, and other exemptions as provided by said law, but that they shall for conscience sake submit quietly to the penalty that may be inflicted.—Endeavor, beloved friends, to possess your souls in patience, and manifest to all a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price, and you will find Him a present help in this our time of need.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

SAMUEL BOYCE, CLERK.

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mo. 12th } At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River, pursuent to adjournment 8 mo. 12th 1863.

The names of the Representatives being called, they are present except 3.

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tificate) The Committee appointed to prepare an essay of a Marriage Certificate in the Case of Thomas B. Mitchell, presented the following viz "To Dartmouth Monthley Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

Thomas B. Mitchell, having requested a Certificate to enable him to proceed in Marriage with a Member of your Meeting, we hereby certify that he is a Member of this Meeting, and on enquirey, Nothing appears to prevent his proceeding therein."

Which being approved the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this Meeting.

Samuel Gifford } Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 8th mo. 31st 1863.

Accounts are recieved from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are, from Swansey, Joseph Estes & Thomas Potter, Fall River, Nathan Chace, & Ellis Gifford, who are present.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended,

William Chace, informed, that he had attended to his appointment in the Case of Thomas B. Estes.

Received and read at this time the following encourageing advice from our Meeting for Sufferings, several Copies of which have be distributed among our Members.

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tificate) The Committee appointed to prepare an essay of a Removal Certificate on behalf of James Estes, presented one at this time, which is approved, by this and our Women's Meeting, And the Clerk is directed sign and forward the same, on behalf of this Meeting, after it has been recorded.

diah Chace } Our beloved friend Obadiah Chace, a Minister in unity with us, opend in this -

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8 mo. 31st Meeting a prospect which for some time had rested on his Mind, of attending, in the love and libert of the Gospel, the approaching Quarterly Meetings of Virginia and Vassalboro. also to attend and appoint so Meetings within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, as way May open for it. after a time of deliberation the Meet fully united therewith, and he is left at liberty to perfor the service as truth May direct.

And the Clerk is direct to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

Committee on Books. } We appoint William Chace, Saml. Gifford Abner Slade & Barzilla Buffinton, a Committee to look after the past Records and Books belonging to this Meeting And report at our next Meeting their judgement in relation to the disposition of them.

Samuel Gifford Clerk

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9 mo. 28th } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 9th Mo. 28th 1863.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are, from Swansey, Ellery Gifford & Simpson Buffinton, Fall Rive Joseph C. Anthony & Samuel Gifford who are present.

Removed Certificates See below } The Committee appointed last Mo. in relation to the Records belonging to this Meeting presented a partial report at this time, and they are continued, and desired to report at our next Meetin

Committee on Records & Books See above } The time for which our Committe on removal Certificates were appointed having expired. we conclude to reappoint the same friends to that service for the ensuing year. Viz Ellis Gifford, Abner Slade, Moses Buffinton, William Chace, and Samuel Gifford.

Abner T. Wing } We appoint Hiram Buffinton, Elli Gifford & James Newton a Committee to prepare an essay of removal Certificate on behalf of Abner T. Wing. if in their judgement it appears best to do And report when ready.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk

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10th mo 26th } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River. 10th 26th 1863.

Accounts are recieved from each of our Preparative Meetings. and the Representatives are from Swansey. Darius Buffinton & Abner Slade. Fall River. Mark Anthony and Baylies Chace. who are present.

The queries have been read at this time. and the 1st. 2d. & 10th. succeeded by answers from each of our Preparative Meetings. and a summary thereof having been approved the Clerk is directed to forward them to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends. Hiram Buffinton. Obadiah Chace and Lloyd Chace. Whom we appoint our Representatives.

uarterly Meeting } We appoint Moses Buffinton & Hiram Buffinton a Committee to make the necessary preparation for our approaching Q. Meeting. and report the expense at our next Meeting.

Overseers } We appoint Barzilla Buffinton, Joseph Estes. Abner Slade. Joseph C. Anthony. Benjamin Shove. a Committee to present at our next meeting the names of some friends to serve this Meeting as Overseers. and also names for Overseers of the poor.

Chas. C. Shove & Rachel Shove – This Meeting is informed by a written communication from Charles C. And Rachel C. Shove. that they wish to resign their right of membership. in the Society of Friends. whereupon we appoint Abner Slade. Obadiah Chace and Ellis Gifford. a Committee, to unite with a Committee of Women friends to visit them on that account. And report at our next Meeting.

Nathan C. Estes } Received from our Overseers the following Complaint against Nathan C. Estes. Viz.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting.

Nathan C. Estes. has so far deviated from our discipline as to procede in Marriage with one not in Membership with us. which we submit to the Meeting.

Fall River 10th mo 26th. 1863. } William Chace } Overseers.
Mark Anthony

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10mo. 26th. } Whereupon, we appoint Saml. Gifford and James-Newton, a Committee, to visit him on that accou
ant report at our next Meeting.

Books & Records } Received the followi
report in relation to the Books belonging to the Meeti
Viz- To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends.

The Committee
appointed in 8th. mo. last in relation to the Books
And Records belonging to this Meeting report, that
we find, deposited in a trunk at the House of
Ruth B. Gifford, in Fall River, the following Books.
Viz 2 Large Books Mens Minutes.
2 — " — " Womens — " — " —
1 Book Removal Certificates.
1 " " Disownments, partially filled.
1 — " of English Discipline in Manuscript.
We also find in the hands of Abner Slade, one Book of Marriage Certificates, filled. The Committee are united in recommending that this Book, together with those at Ruth B. Giffords be placed under the Care of Abner Slade, of Swansey.

We also find the Minutes of this Mo. Meeting Complete from th
time of its establishment on the 6th. of 9th. month 1732, to the 30th. of 8th. mo. 1824, from that time to the 26th. of 8th. mo. 1844, embracing a period of twenty year
they are Missing, having been retained by a former Clerk of this Meeting, who, with other friends secede
from us in 1844. The Committee are informed tha
the Minutes above refered to, are in the hands of Israel Buffinton, of this City. And as no way appears to present for getting peacable possession of them, we believe it best to take no farther action in relation to them at presen

William Chace } on behalf of th
Committe
Fall River 10th. Mo. 26th. 1863 }

Which is accepted, and the recommendations therein Contained, are approved by this Meeting. And Saml. Gifford is appointed to see that the Books refered to in the report, are placed in the care of Abner Slade, of Swansey, and report a
our next Meeting.

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10mo. 26th. } Our Overseers are requested to take into Consideration
eting at } the subject of Continuing the Meeting now held at Warren
arren Neck } Neck. and report at report at our Next Meeting.

Saml. Gifford } Clerk.

1mo. 30th. } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset.
11mo. 30th. 1863.

Accounts are recieved from each of our Preparative Meetings. And the Representatives are, from Swansey. Hiram Buffinton & Simpson Buffinton. Fall River. Nathan Chace & Earl Chace. who are present.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

Overseers. } The Committee on Overseers and Overseers of the Poor. presented the following report. Viz.

"To the Mo. Meeting held the 30th. of 11th. mo. 1863.

The Committee to whom was refered the subject of Overseers, propose the following. Viz - Lilley Gifford. Moses Buffinton. William Chace. Mark Anthony. & Nathan Chace. - And for Overseers of the Poor Barzilla Buffinton. Abner Slade. William Chace Mark Anthony. Nathan Chace & Samuel Gifford.

on behalf of the Committee. Joseph Estes."

Which is accepted. And the names therein proposed are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year. having the Unity of Womens Meeting.

The Committee to make provision for our late Quarterly Meeting. report the expense to be Six + $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars (\$6.25) - Which our Treasurer is directed to pay. And Call on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for the same.

Chas. O. & R. E. Shove } The Committee in the Case of Chas. O. and Rachael E. Shove. informed they had given attention to the subject. but not being ready to report. are continued, and desired to report at a future Meeting.

Nathan C. Estes } The Committee in the Case of Nathan C. Estes. presented the following report. Viz. To Swansey Mo. Meeting.

"The Committee in the Case of Nathan C. Estes. report. that we have had an interview with him; to a good degree

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11 mo. 30th. } of satisfaction; and find he expresses a wish to be continued a Member with us. the Committee are united in recommending the Meeting to restore him to his right of Membership.

Somerset 11 mo. 30th. 1863 } Sam. Gifford
James Newton } Committee"

Which is satisfactory, and he is therefore restored to his right of Membership with us. Our Women's Meeting uniting herein.

And James Newton is appointed to inform him thereof and report.

Meeting at Warren } William Chase, on behalf of the Overseers, informed, that they were unite in recommending that the Meeting for Worship now held at Warren Neck, be continued as heretofor for the space of six Months, commencing with the first first day in 12 mo. next

With which this, and our Women's Meeting unite.

Q. Meeting Stock } We are informe by the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, that they have concluded to raise the sum of Six Hundred Dollars, and that the quota for Swansey Mo. Meeting is Seventy two Dollars $72.00 12 per ct. We therefore direct our Treasurer to pay the amt. called for, to [illegible] Cong the Treasurer of sd. Q. Meeting.

Stock } It is the conclusion of this Meeting to raise the amt. of One Hundred Dollars, and the Representatives are desired to request our Preparative Meetings to furn. their respective proportions of that amt. to Abner Slade, our Treasure

Clerks } The Representatives now in attend of this Meeting are desired to confer with some frien to serve this Meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk. And report at our Next Meeting.

Samuel Gifford } Clerk.

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At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall Rive 12 mo. 28th. 1863. — Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are, from

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2/28 Swansey: Barzilla Buffinton and Moses Buffinton. Fall River, Benjamin Shove, and Joseph C. Anthony. who are present.

lerks} Earl Chace, on behalf of the Representatives of last Month informed, that they were united in proposing the name of Samuel Gifford for Clerk, and James Newton, for Assistant Clerk, of this Meeting, which being united with, they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year.

oks} Samuel Gifford, informed, that the Books refered to in the report of 10th mo. last, have been placed in the care of Abner Slade, at his House in Swansey, according to the direction of this Meeting.

braham acomber family} Received from Westport Monthly Meeting of Friends, a removal Certificate in favor of Abraham Macomber, his Wife Mary G., and a Minor Daughter, Mary Ellen, which is satisfactory, and directed to be recorded, having the unity of our Women's Meeting.

has. Buffinton} Received from our Overseers the following complaint against Charles Buffinton. Viz—

"To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends.

Charles Buffinton, has entirely neglected the attendance of our Meetings for which he has been visited, which we submit to the Meeting.

William Chace }
Mark Anthony } Overseers

Fall River 12 mo. 28th. 1863}

Whereupon, we appoint Joseph C. Anthony and Ellis Gifford, a Committee to labor with him on that account, and report at a future Meeting.

urial Grounds} "The time for which our Committee on Burial Grounds were appointed, having expired, we reappoint the following named friends to that service for the ensuing year, Viz— Abner Slade. William Chace. Ellis Gifford. Barzilla Buffinton, and Philip G. Tripp.

unerals} The time having expired, for which our Committee to have the care at Funerals were appointed, we reappoint the following named friends to that service for the ensuing year. Viz Abner lade, Hiram Buffinton, Mark Anthony, Moses Buffinton, Saml. Gifford. arius Buffinton. Saml. R. Buffinton. Benjamin A. Chace. Philip G. Tripp. Wm. Chace. & Nathan

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12/28 Our Treasurer informed that Fall River Preparative

Stock } Meeting have paid their proportion of Stock ordered in 11th mo. last.

C.S. Andrews. We unite with our Womans Meeting in the disownment of Elizabeth S. Andrews (former Earl.)

Samuel Gifford } Clerk.

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1st mo. 25th } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 1st mo. 25th 1864.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings. And the representatives are from Swansey Joseph Estes, and Moses Buffinton. Fall river. Saml. Gifford and Earl Chace, who are present.

The queries have been read at this tim And the 1st 2d & 10th succeeded by answers from each of our Preparative Meetings. And a summary thereof approved, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by Saml. Gifford, Moses Buffinton & Ellis Gifford whom we appoin our representatives.

Stock } Swansea Preparative Meeting in their accounts inform that they have paid to our Treasurer their proportion of Stock called for in the eleven Mo. last.

Chas. Buffinton } "The Committee in the Case of Charles Buffint presented the following report. Viz.

"To Swansey Mo. Meeting.
We your Committee in the Case of Charles Buffinton have attended to the duties of our appointment as far as way opened for it. And we are united in recommending that a Minute of denial be made against him which we submit to the Meeting.

Fall River 1st mo. 25th 1864 } Ellis Gifford. Joseph C. Anthony } Committee"

Which is accepted. And he is therefore denied his right of Membership with us, having the unity of our Womans Meeting. And James Newton, is appointed to inf him thereof, and report.

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st mo. 25th. } The Committee in the Case of Charles O. Shove. and his Wife Rachael E. Shove. presented the following report. Viz.

as. O. Shove.
chael E. Shove. }

To Swansey Mo. Meeting.

Dear Friends.

We your Committee in the Case of Charles O. Shove, and his Wife Rachael E. Shove. report that we have visited them in accordence with our appointment, and we are United in the opinion that it will be best to make a Minute of denial against them, which we submit to the Meeting.

Swansey 1st mo. 25th. 1864 } Abner Slade. Amy S. Anthony. } for the Committee

which is accepted. and they are accordingly denied their right of Membership with us. having the unity of our Womens Meeting.

And Saml. Gifford is appointed to inform Chas. O. Shove. of his disownment by this meeting and report.

Saml. Gifford } Clerk.

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2 mo. 29th At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends. held at Fall River 2 mo. 29th. 1864.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the Representatives are, from Swansey. Benjamin A. Chace. and Moses Buffinton. Fall River -- Benjamin Shove. and Baylies Chace. who are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

has. Buffinton } James Newton informed that he had attended to his appointment in the Case of Charles Buffinton.

as. O. Shove. } Saml. Gifford also informed the had attended to his appointment in the Case of Charles O. Shove.

corder of moval tificates } The time for which our Recorder of Removal Certificates was appointed having expired. we conclude to reappoint Darius Buffinton to that service for the ensuing year.

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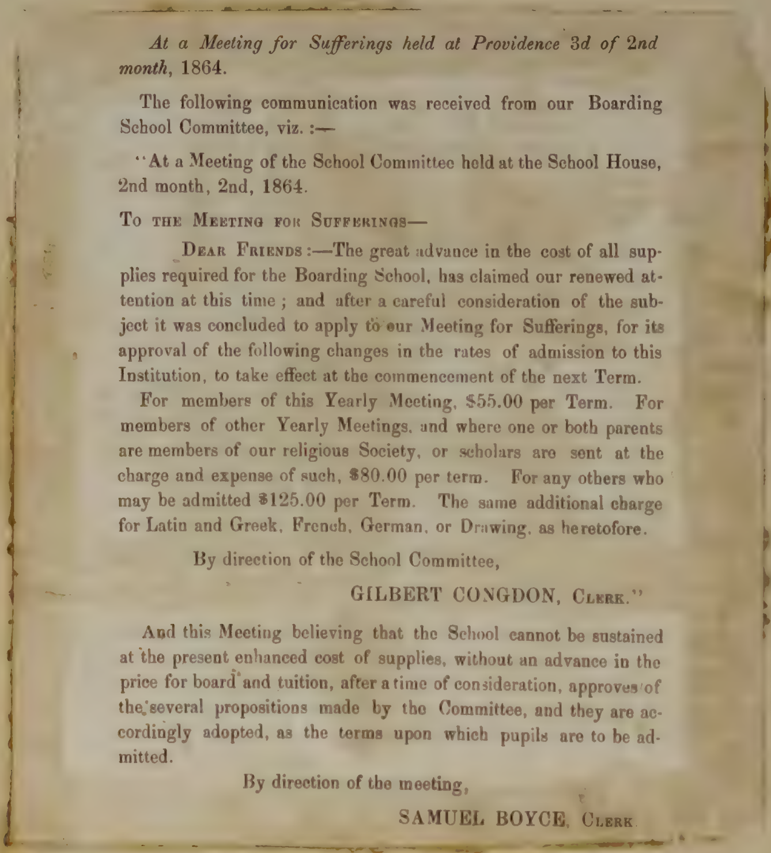
2 mo. 29th } Received and read at this time the following information in relation to the Boarding School at Providence.



At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence 3d of 2nd month, 1864.

The following communication was received from our Boarding School Committee, viz. :—

"At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House, 2nd month, 2nd, 1864.

To the Meeting for Sufferings—

Dear Friends :—The great advance in the cost of all supplies required for the Boarding School, has claimed our renewed attention at this time ; and after a careful consideration of the subject it was concluded to apply to our Meeting for Sufferings, for its approval of the following changes in the rates of admission to this Institution, to take effect at the commencement of the next Term.

For members of this Yearly Meeting, $55.00 per Term. For members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such, $80.00 per term. For any others who may be admitted $125.00 per Term. The same additional charge for Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing, as heretofore.

By direction of the School Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk."

And this Meeting believing that the School cannot be sustained at the present enhanced cost of supplies, without an advance in the price for board and tuition, after a time of consideration, approves of the several propositions made by the Committee, and they are accordingly adopted, as the terms upon which pupils are to be admitted.

By direction of the meeting,

SAMUEL BOYCE, Clerk.

Samuel Gifford Clerk.

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3 mo. 28th

At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset. 3 mo. 28th 1864.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey. Abner Slade, & Darius Buffinton, Fall River, Earl Cha and Joseph C. Anthony, who are present.

Nathan C. Estes. James Newton, informed that he had attended to his appointment in the Case of Nathan C. Estes.

Records. Samuel Gifford, on behalf of the Committee on records, informed, that the Births, Deaths and Burials, that have occured with the limits of this Monthly Meeting, have all been recorded.

And it is the conclusion of this — —

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mo. 28th.} Meeting to Continue the same friends under appointment, and to report in 3rd. mo. next year. Viz Nathan Chace, Benjamin A. Chace. And Saml. Gifford.

Samuel Gifford} Clerk.

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mo. 25th.} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 4 mo. 25th. 1864.

Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are from Swansey Joseph Estes & Barzilla Buffinton. Fall River. -- James Newton & Ellis Gifford. who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings. and a summary thereof approved. which the Clerk is directed to forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Abner Slade. James Newton, & Obadiah Chace, whom we appoint our Representatives.

J. Wing} The committee appointed to prepare an essy of a removal Certificate on behalf of Abner J. Wing. presented one at this time. which being approved by this and the Womens Meeting - the Clerk is directed to fwd. the same to Salem Mo. Meeting after it has been recorded.

Samuel Gifford} Clerk

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5 mo. 30th.} At Swansey Mo. Meeting held at Somerset 5 mo. 30th. 1864. Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings and the Representatives are from Swansey - Simpson Buffinton and - Darius Buffinton. Fall River. Nathan Chace and James Newton, who are present.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended but one.

Treasurer} We appoint Moses Buffinton. Lailey Gifford & Daniel Chace. a Committee to audit and settle the Treasurers a/c, and propose the name of some friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer for the ensuing year and report at our next Meeting.

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5 mo. 30th} With the Concurrence of the Womens Meeting we conclude to continue to continue the Meeting for worship at Warren for Six Months longer Commencing with the first first day in Six mo. next And to be held as heretofore on the first first day in each Month at 3 O'clock P.M.

Meeting at Warren}

Obediah Chace} Our beloved friend Obediah Chace, returned at this time at this time our Certifficate granted him in the 8th. mo. last with the information that he had attended to the service he then had in prospect to the peace of his own mind. He also presente Returning Minutes from Fairfield Quarterly Meetin held 9 mo. 7th. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting held 9th mo. 11th. And Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held 12 mo. 3d. 1863. each expressing that his Company and religious servic had been acceptable to them, all of which is satisfact to us.

Samuel Gifford } Clerk

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6 mo. 27th} At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 6 mo. 27th. 1864.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are, from Swansey, Moses Buffinto And Hiram Buffinton, Fall River, Ellis Gifford and Mark Anthony, who are present.

Treasurer} The Committe appointed to settle the Treasure's account and for other purposes presented the following report Viz.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting

We your Commit appointed to settle the Treasurers a/c. find in his hands Forty Eight $\frac{96}{100}$ Dollars, and propose the Name of Abner Slade for Treasurer.

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Lilley Gifford
Moses Buffinton
Daniel Chace

6th. mo. 27th. 1864

Which is satisfactory, and we accordingly appoint Abne Slade as Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

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mo. 27th } Our beloved friend Sarah M. Hoyatt. attended this Meeting. and presented a Minute from Newbury Mo. Meeting of Friends held 1st. Mo. 18th. Endorsed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting held in Highland Co. Ohio. 1st. 30th. 1864. Expressing unity with her as a Minister and her present Religious engagement Her Company and religious services have been acceptable, and encourageing to us.

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inton } We have also the Company of our — beloved freind. Sarah Ann Linton. who presented a Minute from Centre Mo. Meeting of Friends. held 4th. mo. 13th. Endorsed by Centre Quarterly Meeting held in Clinton Co. Ohio 5th. Mo. 7th. 1864 Expresing unity with her as a Minister and her present religious engagement.

Her Company and religious services have been acceptable and encouraging to us.

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Hadly } Our beloved freind Lucinda Hadly atended this Meeting as Companion to our freind Sarah Ann Linton. And presented a Minute from Springfield. Mo. Meeting of friends held at Lyttes Creek. Clinton Co. Ohio 5 mo. 21st. 1864. Expresing Unity with her as an Elder and with her present engagement.

Her Compnay and solid deportment have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to — unite with the Clerk of the womens Meeting in furnishing them with Copies of Minutes Made on their account

Eliza Hull } Our beloved freind Eliza Hull. a Minister in Unity with us. opened in this Meeting a prospect. which had for a Considerable length of time rested on her Mind, of appointing some - Meetings within the limits of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends. which is united with by this - Meeting. and she left at liberty to attend to her prospect as truth May direct. And the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the womens Meeting in furnishing her with a Coppy of the Minute Made on her account.

Samuel Gifford } Clerk

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7 mo. 25th } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 7th mo. 25th 1864.

Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings and the Representatives from Swansey. Moses Buffinton & Lilley Gifford Fall River. Saml. R Buffinton & Earl Chace, who are present.

The queries have been read at this time, and the first, second & tenth succeeded by Answers from each of our preparative Meetings and a summary thereof being approved the Clerk is directed to forward them to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Ellis Gifford, Benj A. Chace & Saml. R. Buffinton, whom we appoint as Representatives

Lemuel Gifford. }

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford. Attend this Meeting. And presented a Minute from Sandwich Mo. Meeting of friends held 5th. mo. 6th. 1864, expressing Unity with him as a Minister, and his present Religious engagement.

His Company and religious services have been acceptable and encouraging to us.

And the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute.

Education Committee }

Recd. and read at this time the following report of the Yearly Meetings Committee having care of the Boarding School at Providence, which is Satisfactory—Viz. Also the following report from a Committee of this Meeting on the subject of education which is satisfactory. And we reappoint the following named friends to constitute a Committee on the subject of education, to labor in accordance with the recommendation of this Meeting in the year 1862, and report in the 4th. mo. next.

The Committee are Ellis Gifford, Hiram Buffinton Joseph Estes, James Newton, Obadiah Chace, & Mark Anthony.

Report. To Swansey Mo. Meeting

Dear Friends,

Your Committee on education report, that application was early made

"To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends: The Committee appointed to Superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that, in the Summer Term of the School, there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-one pupils, viz: seventy-one males and fifty females, and in the Winter Term, one hundred and seventy-two, viz: one hundred males and seventy-two females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Cornell, Teachers in the English Branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. In the Summer Term, Elma M. Dame, and in the Winter Term, Amy E. Johnson were also engaged in the English Department, and since the commencement of the Winter Term, Rebecca H. Smiley has occupied the position of Principal of the Female Department; it having been necessary for Eliza P. Smiley, who has been acceptably associated with her husband in the government of the School, early in the summer to withdraw from active duties on account of her impaired health. The concerns of the Institution have been satisfactorily administered under this organization.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House on First day mornings, and have been uniformly satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend Meetings of Friends in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and exercises on the First day of the week; and other openings to advance the highest interest of the scholars, have been improved.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally good, except that, in the Winter Term, it was interrupted by the prevalence to a considerable extent, of mild indisposition, assuming the form, in several cases, of Diphtheria; all of whom recovered except Lucy Collins, daughter of William B. Collins, of Peekskill, N. Y., who died on the 10th of 1st month, in the sixteenth year of her age. To commemorate the grace of our Holy Redeemer, signally manifested in her closing hours, we present the following extract from the Report of the Principal to us. 'All who had the privilege of witnessing the joy which animated the countenance of this dear girl, and hearing the almost constant expressions of love to her Saviour, of faith in His promises, and her trust that she would soon be forever happy, were deeply moved, and such thought that Heaven was indeed brought very near to them.'

This solemn event was thus noticed in the Minutes of the Committee. 'The account of the removal of our dear young friend has produced on our minds renewed sympathy for the afflicted relatives, mingled with gratitude for this bright, happy close,—so full of the glorious hopes of a blessed immortality through *Him* who loved us and gave Himself for us."

On the 16th of 3d month another death occurred, from pulmonary disease. Rufus Read died, after a short and severe illness, in his 25th year. We believed it due to the memory of our dear departed friend, to preserve, on the Records of the Committee, the following minute: In the decease of Rufus Read, who for three and a half years had been very satisfactorily engaged as the Mathematical Teacher, we realize that this Institution has sustained a great loss. His faithful and efficient services were enhanced by a peculiar kindness, and readiness to assist in any department whenever called upon, while his amiable and unobtrusive manners endeared him to his associates.

His life thus suddenly terminated in the early meridian of his usefulness, was marked, at its close, by a clear demonstration of the truth, that, at such an hour, man has nothing to depend upon but the mercy of God in Christ Jesus. To those who stood around his dying bed, it was instructive and affecting to witness in one endeared to all who intimately knew him, his deep sense of the sinfulness of the human heart, and his earnest applications for the interposition of the ever-living Son of God. How full of grace and consolation is the Redeemer's promise, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out," and we reverently trust that our dear departed friend witnessed its validity, and is now realizing that, "To depart and be with Christ is far better."

His conflict of spirit was very great, occasioned by the consciousness, notwithstanding he had been remarkably engaged to discharge his social and relative duties, that the strength of his days had not bee sufficiently devoted to loving and serving such a gracious Saviour;—to us a solemn warning to strive that our day's work may be done i the day time. We sympathize with his afflicted relatives and friends desiring that they may be favored to draw near to the Father o mercies and "God of all comfort."

These dispensations of Divine Providence, impressive to all, were we hope, especially blessed to some, in the awakening to newnes of life.'

By the report of the committee to examine and settle the account of the Institution, it appears that the whole expense, for the past yea has exceeded the amount received from all sources, about twelve hundred dollars. This deficiency has been occasioned by the greatl enhanced cost of all the supplies for the School. This subject ha claimed our attention for some time past, but at our meeting in th Second Month it was concluded that the interests of the School imperiously required of us to apply to the Meeting for Sufferings for it sanction of the following advance in the rates of admission, to tak effect at the commencement of the Summer Term,—which was approved of by that Meeting, and the prices, thus altered, will be a follows: $55 per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; $80 pe term for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or bot parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sen at the charge and expense of such members; and $125 for any other who may be admitted. An additional charge of $5 continues to b made for Latin and Greek, French, German or Drawing. Althoug the cost of provisions has largely advanced since that time, we hop with the continuation of the prudent management of our Principal that the increased rates may sustain the School without incurring debt.

In conclusion, we would reverently and gratefully acknowledge th continued mercies of Him, our gracious Care Taker and Head, wh alone can prosper the work of our hands.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee.

GILBERT CONGDON, *Clerk.*

Providence, 5th Mo., 10th, 1864.

Note.—Summer term of 1864 closes, 9th Mo. 28th, 1864.
Winter term opens, 11th Mo., 2d, 1864.
Summer term opens, 5th Mo., 3d, 1865.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it i necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all i this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in orde that they may determine how many others, if any, may be receive Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held i the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, afte which they will be considered in the order in which they are receive

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "th Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times abov specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, mora habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committe in deciding upon them."

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for th prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to preve such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within on week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to b reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notic above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privileg unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupi being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expecte that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others, visiting the School, will be expecte to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,
ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

Yearly Meeting
6th mo 1864

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk

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mo. 25th } to our Boarding School at Providence for the admission of one of our Members under the Charitable fund, the request was not granted. One of our Members has attended said School the past year.

Three of our Members have been engaged as teachers in Public Schools a portion of the time since last Report.

First day Schools and Bible Classes.

Swansey Preparative Meeting

A Bible Class has been held the past year having fifteen Meetings, Number attending 40. Members 36. First day School, held 6 mo. Average No. of Scholars - 20 - Members 12.

Fall River Preparative Meeting.

A Bible Class held 7 mo. highest attendance 30. Average 23. First day School held 10 mo. highest attendance 35 - average 25. ditto Not Members 3 No. of Teachers 6 = average No. visitors 7

Altho we are enabled to report but little increas in the attendence of our Schools & Bible Classes. yet we are encouraged to believe that there is no abatement of interest.

We would recommend that in the appointment of another Committee, that they be requested to report in the 4th mo. next.

On behalf of the Committee
Fall River 7 mo. 25th 1864. } Ellis Gifford.

Eliza Almy }
We unite with our Womens Meeting in approving an essay of a removal Certificate on behalf of Eliza Almy.

Received at this time 90 copies of the Minutes of our late Yearly Meeting. also 100 Copies of the London general epistle for the Year 1863. one of which has been read at this time to our Satisfaction and encouragement. And the representatives are desired to distribute them among our Members.

Freed-Men }
We appoint Ellis Gifford, Darius Buffinton, Benj A. Chace, Saml. R. Buffinton, Rowland J. Buffinton, Hiram Buffinton, Mark Anthony, & Wm Chace, a Committee to solicit Contributions of Money and Clothing

1864 in aid of the "Freed men of Color. Now escaping from bondage. And report to our Next Meeting.

Samuel Gifford} Clerk.

8th mo. 29th} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall-River. 8th mo. 29th.

Accounts are Recd. from each of our Preparative Mtgs and the Representatives are from Swansey. Moses Buffinton. & Hiram Buffinton Fall River. Wm. Chace & James Acoton, who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason is assigned.

The Representatives to last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

Susan Howland} Our beloved friend Susan Howland, attended this Meeting and presented a Satisfactory Minute from New Bedford Mo. Meeting of Friends held 4 mo. 28th. 1864. Expressing Unity with her as a Minister. And her present religious engagement.

Her Company and Religious services have been satisfactory and encouraging to us.

Lydia Congdon} Our beloved friend Lydia Congdon, attended this Meeting as Companion to our friend Susan Howland. And presented a Satisfactory Minute from New Bedford Mo. Meeting held 4 mo. 28th. 1864 Expressing unity with her as an Elder and her present engagement.

Her Company and sollid deportment have been satisfactory to us

Freed-Men} Recd. from a Committee of our last Yearly Meeting an address on the subject of aiding the "Freed-Men" which we recommend to the attention of our Members.

" — " The Committee of last Month, on the subject of aiding the Freed-Men. reported some attention to the subject. and they are Continued and desired to report at our next Meeting.

Saml. Gifford} Clerk

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9 mo 26th} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 9th. mo. 26th. 1864.

Accounts are rec'd. from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are from Swansey- Leilley Gifford & Abner Slade. Fall River Baylies Chace & Joseph C. Anthony. Who are present.

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Rec'd. at this time a removal Certificate in favor of Stephen Chace, and his Wife Ruth Chace, from Rhode Island Mo. Meeting, which is satisfactory, and directed to be recorded.

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Congdon,
Our friend Susan Howland, has since our last Meeting visited nearly all the families constituting this Mo. Meeting, and having accomplished her Mission amongst us, the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing her and her Companion with Copies of the Minutes made on their account.

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The time for which our Committee on Removal Certificates were appointed having expired we conclude to reappoint the same friends to that service for the ensuing Year viz= Ellis Gifford, Abner Slade, Moses Buffinton, William Chace, & Sam'l. Gifford.

Freed-men }
The Committee appointed to Make Collection in aid of the "Freedmen" inform that the Amt. raised up to this time "Forty Eight" Dollars (48.00) the Committee are Continued, and encouraged to further efforts in behalf of this Christian duty. And to report to this Meeting when ready, And the Name of Philip J. Griffith is added to the Committee at this time.

The Meeting is Now United in recommending the Committee to dispose of the funds, as in their judgment may best promote the object for which it was collected.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk

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10 mo 31st} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 10th. mo. 31st. 1864.

Acts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are from Swansey Barzilla Buffinton and

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10mo. 31st. } Obadiah Chace, Fall River, Benjamin Shove and James Newton, who are present.

The queries have been read at this time and the 1st, 2d, and 10th, succeeded by answers from each of our Preparative Meetings which and a summary thereof approved we forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Hiram Buffinton, Earl Chace and Stephen Chace, whom we appoint our representatives.

Overseers } We appoint Ellis Gifford, Barzilla Buffinton, Simpson Buffinton, and Joseph C Anthony, a Committee to present at our Next Meeting the names of some friends to serve this Meeting as Overseers, and also for Overseers of the poor.

We appoint Hiram Buffinton and Gidley Gifford, to Make the Necessary provision for our approaching Quarterly Meeting, and report the expense at our Next Meeting.

Elizabeth Gifford } Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gifford attended this Meeting, and presented a Satisfactory Minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Mass held 9th mo 2d 1864. Expressing unity with her as a Minister, and her present religious engagement. Her Company and religious services have been acceptable and encouraging to us

Joseph & S. G. Kempton }
Our beloved friends Joseph Kempton, and wife Susan G. Kempton, also attended this Meeting as Companions to our friend Elizabeth Gifford, and presented Satisfactory Minutes from New Bedford Mo. Meeting, held 9th mo 22d 1864, expressing unity with them as Members, (he being an Elder) and their present engagement.

Their Company and solid deportment have been satisfactory to us.

The above named friends have satisfactorily visited nearly all the families constituting this Mo. Meeting. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Womens Mtg in furnishing them with Copies of Minutes made on their behalf. } Samuel Gifford Clerk

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1mo. 28th.} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th. Mo. 28th. 1864.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings. And the representatives are from Swansey, Moses Buffinton & Hiram Buffinton. Fall River, Joseph C. Anthony. & Earl Chace who are present.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

Overseers} The Committee to present Names for Overseers and for Oversears of the poor presented the following report. Viz

To Swansey Mo. Meeting.

We your Committee propose the following named Friends for Oversears. Lilley Gifford. Moses Buffinton William Chace & Mark Anthony. for Oversears of the poor Abner Slade. Barzilla Buffinton. Nathan Chace & Samuel Gifford.

On behalf of the Committee Ellis Gifford

Somerset 11mo. 28th. 1864}

Which is accepted, and the names proposed are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year. Our Women's Meeting uniting herein.

Zeno Kelley} Received at this time a removal Certifacate from Sandwich Mo. Meeting of Friends in favor of Zeno Kelley. Which is satisfactory to this, and our Woman's Meeting. And directed to be Recorded.

The Committee to make provision for our late Quarterly Meeting, report the expense to be Seven & $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars, which is satisfactory and our Treasurer is directed to pay them. And Call on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for same.

Peter D. Healy} Received and read at this time a removal Certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favor of Peter D. Healey. And his wife Elizabeth R. which We refer to the Committee on Certificates for further Consideration.

Warren Meeting} In accordance with the wishes of Friends residing in Warren, This and the Womans Meeting are united in continuing the Meeting now held at

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11mo. 28th. {that place, as heretofore, for Six Months longer Commencing with the 1st. first day in 12th. mo Next.

Clerks. The representatives now in attendance are desired to confer with some friends to serve this Meeting as Clerk and assistant Clerk for the ensuing ye and report at our next Meeting.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

12mo. 26 { At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall-River, 12mo. 26th. 1864.

Accounts are received from ea of our Preparative Meetings and the Representatives a from Swansey, Moses Buffinton and Abner Slade. Fall River, Saml. R. Buffinton and Benjamin Shove. Who are present.

Clerks { Earl Chace on behalf of the representatives, informed that they were united in proposin Saml. Gifford for Clerk, and James Newton for assist Clerk of this meeting, which being united with, they are appointed to those services, respectively for the ensuing year.

Peter D. Healy and his wife Elizabeth. { The removal certificate in favor of Peter D. Healy and his wife Elizabeth, referred at our last Meeting, has been again read, and this and our Womens Meeting, are united in receiving the same, and direct that it be recorded.

N. Chace, addition to Overseers. { The name of Nathan Chace is proposed at this time, as Overseer, in addition to those now under appointment, with which this and our Womens Meeting unites.

Edward Almy { Edward Almy having requested to become a Member of our Religious Society, we appoint Abner Slade, Obadia Chace and Samuel Gifford, a Committee to visit him on that account, and report at our next Meetin

Freedmen { Received and read at this time a report from a Committee of our Yearly Meetin on the subject of the Freedmen, which is satisfactor and we encourage our friends, to respond cheerfull to the pressing demands now made upon us, on behalf o this class of our fellow Men, And Saml. Gifford

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is appointed to recieve contributions for this object.

Samuel Gifford Clerk

1st mo. 30th.} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 1st mo. 30th. 1865.

Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings and the Representatives are from Swansey: Benjamin A. Chace, and Abner Slade. Fall River. Saml. Gifford. and Baylies Chace. who are present.

The queries have been read at this time, with answers to the 1st. 2d. & 10th. from each of our Preparative Meetings. a summary of which has been approved. and the Clerk is directed to forward them to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends. James Newton. Mark Anthony. and Moses Buffinton. whom we appoint our Representatives.

Edwd. Almy} The committee in the Case of Edward Almy presented a report at this time. which is refered to a future Meeting. And the Clerk is directed, in accordance with our Discipline, to confer with Greenwich Mo. Meeting for their approbation, before receiving him into Membership. He having been disowned by that Meeting

Nathan C. Estes} Recd. from our Overseers the following Complaint against Nathan C. Estes viz-

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends

This is to inform you that Nathan C. Estes has connected himself in Membership with another Religious Society

Somerset 1st mo. 30th. 1865
Wm. Chace
Nathan Chace } Overseers.

Whereupon we appoint James Newton and Mark Anthony to confer with him on that account. and report when ready.

Samuel Gifford Clerk

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2 mo. 27th At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2d. Mo. 27th. 1865.

Accounts are rec'd. from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are, from Swansey Abner Slade, & Derius Buffinton. Fall River. Samuel R. Buffinton. & Joseph C. Anthony. Who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

Burial Grounds } We reappoint the following friends to have the care of our Burial Grounds for the ensuing year. Viz Abner Slade. Wm. Chace. Ellis Gifford. Barzilla Buffin, & Philip J. Tripp

Committee on Funerals. } We also reappoint the following named friends to have the care of Funerals for the ensuing year Viz. Abner Slade. Hiram Buffinton. Mark Anthony Moses Buffinton. Saml. Gifford. Derius Buffinton, Saml. R. Buffinton. Benjamin A Chace. Philip J. Tripp Wm. Chace. & Nathan Chace.

Recorder of Removal Certificates } The time for which our Recorder of removal Certificates was appointed having expired we conclude to reappoint Derius Buffinton. to that service for the year ensuing.

Quarterly Mtg Stock. } Received from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, a Communication in relation to Stock by which it appears that the Quarterly Meeting has concluded to raise the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars ($700) and that our proportion is Ninety-One Dollars ($91.00) – 13 per. Cent

We therefore direct our Treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting the Amt. Called for.

Mo. Mtg Stock } We conclude to raise by subscription the sum of One Hundred Dollars and Derius Buffinton. Hiram Buffinton. Nathan Chace Joseph C. Anthony. & Stephen Chace, are appointed to Collect in their several Preparative Meetings. their proportion of that Amt. and pay to Abner Slade. our Treasurer. & Report

Samuel Gifford Clerk

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mo. 27th. { At Swansey Mo. Meeting held at Somerset. 3d. mo. 27th. 1865.

Accounts are Recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings. And the Representatives are from Swansey. Simpson Buffinton and Barzilla Buffinton. Fall River. Baylies Chase and Earl Chase. who are present.

dwd. Almy { The following report in the care of Edward Almy. refered at our Meeting in the first Mo. is again read. Viz.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting.

Dear Friends. {

We your Committee in the care of Edward Almy, report, that we have visited him on the subject of his request for Membership with us, the interview was to our satisfaction. and believing him to be sincere. we think the Meeting may with safty grant his request.

Somerset 1st. Mo. 30th. 1865 { Abner Slade
Obadiah Chace.
Saml. Giffords } Committee

And having before us information from Greenwich Mo. Meeting informing, that they had no objection to the reception of Edwd. Almy into membership with us. It is therefore the united conclusion of this, and the Womens Meeting. to receive him as a Member of this Meeting. And Abner Slade is appointed to inform him thereof, and report.

C. Estes { The Committee in the Care of Nathan C. Estes, presented the following report.

Viz - To Swansey Mo. Meeting
Dear Friends } We your Committee in the Care of Nathan C. Estes, inform, that we have Conferd with him on the subject of our appointment. And his wish is. not to be retained as a Member of our Society.

Fall River 3d. mo. 27th. 1865 { Mark Anthony
James Newton } Committee

Which is accepted. and he is therefore with the approbation of the Womens Meeting. denied his right of Membership with us. and Joseph C. Anthony is appointed to inform him thereof and report.

irths, Deaths &c. { Samuel Giffords on behalf of the Committee on records informed. that all the Births

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Deaths and Burrials. that have occured within the limits of this Mo. Meeting for the past year. have been reported to our Recorder. and we continue the same Committee Viz. Nathan Chace. Benjamin A. Chace and Saml. Giffords And they are desired to report in 3d. mo. next year.

Samuel Giffords. } Clerk }

4th. mo. 24th. } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 4th. mo. 24th. 1865.

Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings and the Representatives are from Swansey - Obadiah Chace & Moses Buffinton. Fall River. Nathan - Chace & Mark Anthony. who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from each of our Preparative Mtgs. and a summary thereof having been approved, the Clerk is directed to forward them to our ensu Quarterly Mtg by our friends Nathan Chace. Saml. R. Buff and Abner Slade. whom we appoint our Representatives.

Isaac Fiske } Our friend Isaac Fiske, personally appeared at this time, and made a request to become a Member of this Meeting. Whereupon we - appoint Samuel Giffords. and Obadiah Chace. to Confer wi him. and upon a full consideration of the subject. report a our Next Meeting.

Esther Chace Elder } We unite with our Womens Mtg in the appointment of Esther Chace to the Station of Elde

N. C. Estes. } Joseph C. Anthony. reported. that he had informed Nathan C. Estes. of his disownment by this Mtg.

Edwd. Almy } Abner Slade. also reported that he had - informed Edward Almy. of the action of this Meeting in his Case.

Education Report } Our Committee on the subject of Educati presented the following report. which is satisfactory to us and accepted, Viz

To Swansey Mo. Meeting. Dear Frien

No. of Friends Children in the Mo. Meeting between the ages 5 & 21 years = 4 " - . Family Schools - 1. No. of Friends Children who have attended School the pas - Year 39, The No. who have attended School taught by friends or und their Control 8. The No. of Members engaged in teaching the past year The No. attending Academies or Colleges, not under the Care of friends 3.

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mo. 24th } "The No. of First day schools under the Care of Friends—2. How long during the year has each been taught. 6 & 10 months. The No. of Scholars attending each school 28 & 42 = 70. The No. of friends attending each School 14 & 33 = 47. The No. of Teachers in each school 4 & 7 = 11. The No. of Bible Classes—2. The No. attending same 50 & 48 = 98. The No. of Friends attending same 30 & 37 = 67. The whole No. of Friends belonging to the Mo. Meeting on the 1st day of 5th mo. 1865 = 212.

We desire to call attention to the First day School in Fall River, with the hope that others may emulate our example. Our object is to show its influence on our Society; on individual Members, both Scholars and teachers. When we trace the history of this School, which has been established for over twelve years, we can bear testimony to its efficacy and usefulness. It is a stricking fact, that nearly all who habe united with us in the School, have remained in our Society, and have manifested more regard for, and attachment to, the Principles and Testimonies of Friends. During this time, I have been in some capacity connected with the School, and associated with faithfull and devoted Teachers, whose efforts have been, to take the Children by the hand, and lead them to the Saviour, and there to crave for them his blessing. We acknowlodge these, often to have been to us refreshing seasons. In watering, we have ourselves been watered, until our Cup has been made to overflow, and have realised the truth of the declaration to "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.,, We are often admonished, that it is the duty of all to direct the young in the path of Virtue and Piety, ourselves merely the instrument to lead the Child to the Saviour, who has promised to be the teacher of his people.

on behalf of the Committee,

Ellis Gifford, }
Fall River 4th mo. 24th 1865 } Susan A. Gifford, }

reedmans Report }
"The Committee appointed to make collection on behalf of the suffering Freedmen presented the following report, which is satisfactory and accepted,—viz.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting

Dear Friends, } The Committee appointed to make collection for the Freedmen report, that we have collected from members of this Mo. Meeting in Money, Eight Hundred & Eighty three Dollars (883.—) which has been disposed of as follows,

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4th mo 24th { Seven Hundred & Eight Dollars has been forwarded to Gilbert Congdon of Providence. Collector for Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, for the benefit of the New Engla Yearly Meeting enterprise, established in Washington D.C One Hundred & thirty nine ($139.00) has been paid over to Swansey Preparative Meeting Freedmen's Association. Thir Six (36.00) Dollars has been paid to the Treasurer of the Fall River Freedmen's aid Society. In addition to the above, there has been donated, quite a large amount of Cloth, and Cloathing, which has been forwarded to various plac where necessity demanded, for relief of the suffering Freedm

on behalf of the Committee.

Hiram Buffinton
Samuel Gifford
Fall River 4th mo 24th 1865 { Mary S. Buffinton

Stock a/c { Our Treasurer informed that each of our Preparative Meet had paid their propotion of Stock ordered in 2nd mo last,

"—" He also informed that he had paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our propotion of Stock called for in 2nd mo last.

Samuel Gifford { Clerk.

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5 mo 29th.

At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 5th mo 29th 1865.

Accounts are recd from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are from Swansey Hiram Buffinton and Barzilla Buffinton, Fall River, Benjamin Shove, and Saml. R. Buffinton, who are present,

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

Isaac Fiske { The Committee in the Case of Isaac Fiske, not being ready to report are Continu

We appoint Obadiah Chace and Hiram Buffinton, to audit and settle the Treasurers a/c and propose the name of some friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer and report.

Meeting at Warren { With the Concurrence of the Wom Meeting, we conclude to Continue the Meeting at Warren for 6 Months – Commencing on the first day in 6th mo next, and held as heretofore on the –

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mo. 29th first 1st day in each Month at 3 O'clock P. M.

moval } Received and read at this time
H. Chace } a Removal Certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends
rife & } in favor of Benjamin H. Chace, his wife Lydia H. Chace,
ughter } and daughter Elizabeth.

Also rec.d from the same Mo.
Weeden } Meeting a Removal Certificate in favor of Job Weeden,
which has been read, and each are refered to the Committee on
Removal Certificates.

James Newton } Assistant Clerk

{ P. S. } The following Minute was omitted by the Clerk
in Copying the Minutes for 5th mo. 1865.

Treasurer } Viz. We appoint
Hiram Buffinton, and Obadiah Chace, to audit and
settle the Treasurer's a/c. and propose the name of some
friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer for the ensuing
year, and report at our next Meeting

J. Newton } Assistant Clerk

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6 mo. 26th }

At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall
River 6th mo 26th 1865.

Accounts are rec.d from each
of our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from
Swansey. Moses Buffinton, and Charles Chace. Fall River.
Nathan Chace and Samuel Giffords. Who are present.

evi Knowls } Our beloved friend Levi Knowls
attended this Meeting, and presented a satisfactory certificate
from Farnham Mo. Meeting. Canada East.
endorsed by Farnham Quarterly Meeting. Expressing
unity with him as a Minister and his present Religious
engagements.

His Company and religious services have been
acceptable and encouraging to us.

ames Jones } We have also the
Company of our beloved Friend James Jones. Who
presented satisfactory Minutes from China Mo. Meeting
endorsed by Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. Expressing
unity with him as a Minister and his present religious
engagement. His Company & religious services have been
acceptable and encouraging to us.

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6mo. 26th} Our beloved friend Seneca H. Stevens. attended this — Meeting as Companion to our friend Levi Knowle and presented a satisfactory certificate from Moron Monthly Meeting. State of New York. expressing unity with him as a Member of that Meeting, and with hi present engagement.

Seneca H. Stevens} His Company and solid deport=ment have been acceptable to us

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of Minutes made on their account. and sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

Treasurer} The Committee on the subject of Treasurer presented the following Report. Viz —
"To the Mo. Meeting

"The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers a/c &c Report. that we find now in the hands of the Treasurer Fifty Seven 96/100 Dollars ($57.96) And we propose the name of Abner Slade. for Treasu the ensuing Year.

Fall River 6mo. 26/65} Hiram Buffinton
Obadiah Chace } Committee"

Which is accepted and we accordingly appoint Abner Slade as Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing Year.

B. F. Chace, & family.} The Removal Certificate in favor of Benjamin F. Chace, his Wife — Lydia H. and Daughter Elizabeth, has been again Rea and with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting we are united in its reception and direct it to be — recorded.

Samuel Gifford} Clerk

7mo. 31st} At Swansey Mo. Mtg of Friends held at Somerset 7m 31st. 1865=

Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Mtgs and the representatives are from Swansey Abne Slade & Simpson Buffinton. Fall River. Earl Chace & Saml. Gifford. who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st. 2d. & 10th. from each of our Preparative Meetings. a Summary thereof being approved the Clerk is directed to forward them to our ensuing Quarterly Mt o THE YEARLY MEETING:

)ear Friends: The Committee appointed to Superintend the Board- School during the past year, report: that, in the Summer Term of School, there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-three ils, viz: sixty-nine males and fifty-four females, and in the Winter n, one hundred and thirty, viz.: eighty-one males and forty-nine ales.

'he officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley, Prin- ıl; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, ncipal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. ng, Mary A. Cornell, and Amey E. Johnson, Teachers in the En- h Branches; Elijah Cook, Teacher of Mathematics; William B. llips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and Mary A. ter, Teacher of Drawing. Under this organization a satisfactory gress has been made in the varied departments of literary and sci- ific knowledge.

leetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House First day mornings, and have been seasons of solemnity and inter- ; and the scholars continue to attend Friends Meeting in the city First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and ex- ises on the First day of the week, and the considerate and orderly ortment of the scholars generally, and the evidences afforded by a few, of a growth in the highest knowledge, has afforded us much sfaction.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been remarkably d during the past year, which, under a blessing, we think may in t be attributed to the careful daily attention to gymnastic exercises.

By the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year ceeds the amount expended, Thirty-one hundred and twenty-five lars, ($3,125).

By a circular minute from our Meeting for Sufferings held at Lynn, the 8th month last, all of our Monthly Meetings were informed of decision of that Meeting to advance the price for tuition; and the es then established took effect on the beginning of the Winter term follows:—For members of this Yearly Meeting, $100 per term; r members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the arge of such, $130 per term; and for any others who may be ad- tted, $160 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars Latin and Greek, French, German and Drawing, as heretofore. was with reluctance that the apparent necessary increase in the ce was resorted to, and we desire that it may be reduced at the liest possible time; but as we are not now prepared to make any inite suggestions, we would propose to the Yearly Meeting, to com- t the subject to the Committee that may be entrusted with the charge the Boarding School for the ensuing year, to make such timely anges as may appear best, upon mature consideration, and after fur- r developments of the cost of provisions, &c.

In conclusion we gratefully believe that our Boarding School is increasing its means and opportunities of usefulness. We are, however, solemnly reminded, that all our blessings are dependent upon the Father of Mercies. May not, therefore, all who are interested, unite in the desire that His favor and protection may be continued from generation to generation, through Him who is head over all things to the Church?

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 5th Month, 9th, 1865.

NOTE.—Summer term for 1865 closes 9th Mo. 27th.
Winter term for 1865, opens, 11th Mo. 1st, 1865,
Closes, 3d Mo. 21st, 1866.
Summer term for 1866, opens, 5th Mo. 2d.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, ~~in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held~~ in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others, visiting the School, will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,
ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

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7 mo. 31st} by our friends Joseph C. Anthony, Obadiah Chace & Abner Slade, whom we appoint our Representatives. Recd. 90 Copies of the Minutes of our last Y. Meeting which our Representatives are desired to distribute among our Members, Recd. & Read the following report in relation to the Boarding School at Providence, which is satisfactory, and we reappoint the following named friends, Viz. Ellis Giffords, Hiram Buffinton, Joseph Estes, James Newton, Obadiah Chace & Mark Anthony, with the addition of Saml. R. Buffinton and Darius Buffinton appointed at this time, to Constitute our Committee on the subject of Education for the ensuing year & Report in 4th mo. next.

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Samuel Giffords} Clerk.

8th mo. 28th} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River, 8th mo. 28th 1865.

Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Mtgs and the Representatives are from Swansey Lilley Giffords & Darius Buffinton, Fall River, Bayliss Chace & Mark Anthony, who are present.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

Robt. W. Douglass} Our beloved friend Robert Walter Douglass attended this Meeting, and presented a satisfactory Certificate from Clear Creek Mo. Meeting of Friends, held 4th mo. 8th. Endorsed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, held at Newbury, Clinton Co. Ohio. 4th mo. 29th 1865.

Expressing unity with him as a Minister and his present Religious engagement.

His Company and Religious services have been acceptable and encouraging to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of the foregoing Minute and sign on behalf of this Meeting.

The Committee in the Case of Isaac Fiske presented the following Report, Viz

Isaac Fiske} "To Swansey Mo. Meeting

Dear Friends, The Committee in the Case of Isaac Fiske report, that we have visited him on the subject of his request for Membership, and find he expresses the belief, that it will not be right for him to unite with us, he also requests that the subject may be dismissed — — —

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8 mo. 28th} Which Course, Meeting our approbation, we Can
recommend it to the Meeting.

Fall River; 8 mo. 28th. 1865}

Obadiah Chace
Saml. Giffords } Committe

Which is accepted, and in
accordance with the recommendation of the
Committee, we are united in the Conclusion to —
suspend further action in the Case.

Saml. Gifford} Clerk

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9 mo. 25th.}

At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somers
9th. mo. 25th. 1865.

Accounts are rec.d from each of
our Preparative Mtgs and the representatives are fro
Swansey — Simpson Buffinton & Moses Buffinton. Fall-
River Baylies Chace & Mark Anthony. Who are present.

Abigail M. Hanson} Our beloved friend Abagail M. Hanson
attended this Mtg and presented a Satisfactory Certificate
from Seabrook Mo. Meeting. held at Seabrook 8th. mo.
3d. 1865. Expressing Unity with her as a Minister an
and her present religious engagement. Her Company
and religious services have been acceptable and encou
= raging to us.

Thos. Folsom} We have also the Company of our —
beloved friend Thomas Folsom, as Companion to h
Sister Abagail M. Hanson, Who presented a Satisfac
Certificate from Seabrook Mo. Meeting held 8 mo. 3d.
1865 — Expressing Unity with him as a Member of that
Meeting, and with his present engagement.
His Company
and Solid deportment have been acceptable to u
And the Clerk is directed to unite wi
the Clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing the
with Copies of Minute Made on their account.

Anna L. Manchester} We unite with our Womens Mtg. in the
reception of a removal Certificate from Rhode Islan
Mo. Meeting, in favor of Anna L. Manchester.

Epistle} Rec.d through the representatives to our last
Qr. Meeting — 90 Copies of the London General Epistle. Which
have been distributed among our Members. One of wh
has been read at this time to our edification & Comfort.

Samuel Gifford} Clerk}

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0 mo. 30th.} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 10th. mo. 30th. 1865.

Accounts are rec^d. from each of our Preparative Mtgs and the representatives are from Swansey Barzilla Buffinton & Obadiah Chace. Fall River. Stephen Chace & Nathan Chace, who are present.

The queries have been read at this time, with answers to the first, second & tenth from each of our preparative Mtgs, and a summary thereof being approved, the Clerk is directed to fw^d. them to ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Stephen Chace, Edward Almy & Baylies Chace whom we appoint as representatives.

uarterly Mtg.) We appoint Moses Buffinton, and Barzilla Buffinton, to make the necessary provission for our approaching Quarterly Meeting and report the expense at our next Meeting.

ddress from ondon Y. Mtg} We have been supplied with One Hundred Copies of a communication from London Yearly Meeting for 1865 addressed "to friends in North America expressing sympathy with us in our late National Afflictions, and also congratulating us as Christian Bretheren on the return of peace, and the extinction of Slavery in our land. One of them has been read at this time, much to our satisfaction. And the Representatives are desired to distribute them among our Members.

Overseers. We appoint Abner Slade. Simpson Buffinton. Earl Chace. & Joseph C. Anthony. to Confer with some friends to serve this Meeting as Overseers. And also as Overseers of the poor And Report to our next Meeting.

Samuel Gifford} Clerk

11th. mo. 27} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset. 11th. mo. 27th. 1865.

Accounts are rec^d. from each of our Preparative Meetings & the representatives are from Swansey Joseph Estes & Hiram Buffinton. Fall River Earl Chace. & Sam^l. R. Buffinton. who are present.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting informed they all attended.

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11 mo. 27} The Committee on the Subject of Overseers presented the following report. Viz

Overseers} To Swansy Mo. Meeting = The Committee appointed for that purpose, are united in presenting the following Names for Overseers. – Lilley Gifford. Moses Buffinton. William Chace. Nathan Chace. & Mark Anthony. – for Overseers of the poor. Barzilla Buffinton Abner Slade. Nathan Chace. & Saml. Giffords

on behalf of the Committee} Simpson Buffinton
Somerset 11th mo. 27th 1865} Earl Chace

Which is accepted, and the friends therein Named are appointed to those offices respectively for the ensuing year, having the Unity of the Womens' Meeting.

Removal of the Quarterly mtg} Received from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting the following Communication — — Viz – To Swansy Mo. Meeting.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo. 2d 1865 – The subject of Changing the place of holding this Meeting in the 11th mo. from Somerset to Fall River, again claiming our attention it is our conclusion to bring the question before each of our Monthly Meetings – And they are requested to report the views of Friends in relation thereto to our next Meeting.

From the Minutes of the Meeting, Samuel Boyed Tobey, Clerk for the day.
Anna T. Dennis — Clerk for the day,

And on being read, we conclude to refer the subject for further consideration, to our Meeting in the 1st mo. next.

Q. Mtg Stock} Also Recd. the following Mt. in relation to Stock. Viz At Rhode Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset 11th mo. 2d 1865. It is concluded to raise Seventeen Hundred Dollars for the use of this Mtg for the ensuing Year, which the Monthly Meetings are requested to pay to Wecome Congdon, our Treasurer. The Quota of Swansy Mo. Meeting is Two Hundred & Twenty One Dollars $221.00 or thirteen pr. cent. from the Minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyed Tobey, Clerk for the day

And our Treasurer is directed to pay the amount

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11th mo. 27th} therein Called for in the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting

Qr. Mtg. Stock} We appoint Darius Buffinton, Saml. R. Buffinton, Baylies Chace, Hiram Buffinton, Stephen Chace, and Benjamin A. Chace, a Committee to raise by subscription the sum of Two Hundred Dollars $(200.00) and pay the same to Abner Slade our Treasurer, and report when accomplished.

Clerks} The representatives now in attendance are requested to confer with some friends to serve this Meeting as Clerk and assistant Clerk, and report at our next Meeting.

Samuel Gifford} Clerk.

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12 mo. 25th} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 12 mo. 25th 1865.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are from Swansey, Joseph Estes, & Moses Buffinton Fall River, Saml. Gifford & Joseph C. Anthony, who are present.

Clerks} Joseph Estes on behalf of the representatives of last mo. informed that they were united in proposing Samuel Gifford for Clerk, and James Newton for Assistant Clerk of this Meeting, which being united with they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Joseph D. Hoag) Our beloved friend Joseph D. Hoag, attended this Meeting, and presented a satisfactory Minute from Salem Mo. Meeting held 3rd mo. 15th. And endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Salem, Henry Co. Iowa 3 mo. 18th 1865. each expressing Unity with him as a Minister and his present Religious engagements

His Company and religious services, have been acceptable and encouraging to us.

And the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of the foregoing Minute.

The Committee appointed to make provision for our late Quarterly Meeting report the expense to be Eight Dollars $8.00 which our Treasurer is directed to pay and Charge the same to the a/c of the Quarterly Meeting.

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12 mo. 25th } Rec.d and read at this time a report of the Yearly Meetings Committee having Charge of the Freedmens Mission in the City of Washington D.C. and the — suffering of these destitute people being again brought before us, we appoint Saml. Giffords, Hiram Buffinton Darius Buffinton, Saml. R. Buffinton & Stephen Chace to Make Collection of Money and Clothing and report at our next meeting.

Freedmen }

Samuel Gifford } Clerk

1866
1 mo. 29th } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 1st mo. 29th 1866.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Mtgs and the representatives are from Swansey Moses Buffinton and Abner Slade, Fall River Nathan Chace and Abram Macomber, Who are present.

The queries have been read at this time, and the 1st, 2d and 10th succeeded by — Answers from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a Summary thereof being approved, the Clerk is directed to forward them to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends, Benjamin A. Chace, Saml. Giffords and Stephen Chace, whom we appoint representatives.

Freedmen } The Committee on Collection for the Freedmen inform they are not ready to report, they are continued and desired to forward the amount collected to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meetings Committee, and report.

Removal of the Quarterly Mtg } The subject of the removal of the Quarterly Meeting, refered from our Meeting in the eleventh Mo. has again Claimed our serious Consideration, and it evident that this meeting does not unite with the proposition of removal, but in a spirit of — Christian Condesention, are willing to submit the Subject to the decision of the Quarterly Meeting. Having the unity of the Womens Meeting.

Mo. Mtg Stock } The Committee appointed in the 11th mo. to collect Money to supply our Treasury, inform they have Collected the amt. called for ($200.) and paid the same to Abner S our Treasurer

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mo. 29th.}

Our beloved friend Eliza Hull. returned at this time the Certificate granted her in the 6th. mo. 1864. accompanied by the following communication, Viz.

Eliza Hull. }

To Swansey Mo. Meeting.
Dear Friends.

In returning the Minute granted me the 27th. of 6th. mo. 1864 - with one from Dartmouth Mo. Mtg. dated 1st. mo. 24th. 1866. I must acknowledge I consider it a sacrafice in not being able to present them in person. although I am persuaded it is in the ordering of best Wisdom, that I am still kept in my present situation, attending to the humble duties assigned me. I have endeavored to perform the little service embodied in the Minute with singleness of purpose, for the honour of truth, and the relief of my own mind - yet in retrospect, all appears so imperfect, that I can but acknowledge, that I am a poor unprofitable servent, but still trusting that I am a recipient of a Measure of that love, which so binds the soul to its Maker, that it becomes its meat and drin to do the will of our Father in Heaven. I have, deeply felt my isolated Condition, so remote from the Meeting of my adoption, around which, cluster Sacred Memories! even those of Solemn Covenants, made with a Covenant keeping God. I have also missed you sympathy and aid, dear friends, to whom I feel bound by the strongest Christian ties. Oh! May we, though separated mingle our Prayers at the Throne of Grace, on each others behalf, that we May realize a growth in the Divine life, a comming up to a Measurer of the stature of the fullness of Christ. - The work of the salvation of the Soul, does so swallow up every other Consideration that we can not seperate our spiritual and tempora duties, so that practical religion as set forth by the Apostle, is this, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God,,

I do not wish to distinguish between the living Mem of the Church, for all fill important places, and ar alike accountable to their God, for the improvement of the talents entrusted to them, Our mind is often dipped into near sympathy with those, who, like myself, are in prom

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1st mo. 29th } in the Work of the Ministry, for we must acknowledge that in this, as in the Work of regeneration there is a birth, a Childhood, before we can attain to the full stature of a Minister in Christ, under a sense of this, and the great responsibility of the Calling, May we dwell very near our Master, simply handing forth what He has blessed, and broken unto us.

And to those who watch over us in the equally responsible position of Elders, do not allow the Cause to suffer reproach, for the want of a word of Caution, or encouragement, or reproof even, for we in common with all are short sighted and fallable, liable to err in Matter and in Manner, discharge your duties towards us in love and if we are clothed with the same spirit, we shall receive it in love, and profit by it.

There is yet another class, that occupy a place ~~in~~ nearest in our best feelings, our dear young people that can now be gathered into the Heavenly enclosure. Now, while the dew of youth rests upon you, And the precious tallents entrusted are yet to be occupied to the Glory of God, Come, while the promise remains sure, "I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me"

In Conclusion May we all so walk in the Militant Church adorning the doctrines of Christ our Saviour that we may be numbered with the Church triumphant in Heaven, with the Salutation of love I bid you farewell.

Eliza Hull.

Dartmouth 1st mo. 25th 1866 }

Eliza Hull. returning Minute } A returning Minute was also received from Dartmouth Mo. Meeting held 1st mo. 24th 1866 expressing, that her company and religious services had been acceptable to them.

All of which is satisfactory to us. And we feel, that we may be encouraged, by the Christian Counsel addressed to us by our absent Sister.

Samuel Gifford Clerk

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2d. mo. 26th. } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2d. mo. 26th. 1866.

Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are from Swansey Abner Slade & Hiram Buffinton. Fall River Mark Anthony & Wm. Chace. who are present.

The Representative to our last Quarterly Meeting all attended.

Collection for Freedmn. } The Committee on Collections for the Freedmens Mission at Washington D.C. - presented the following report. Viz -

To Swansey Mo. Meeting

Dear Friends. We your — Committee appointed to solicit subscriptions in aid of New England Yearly Meeting Freedmans Mission in Washington D.C. report, that we have Collected the amt. of Fifty One & $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($51.50) and have forwarded the same to Chas. F. Coffin Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee,

Samuel Giffords }
Sarah Slade. }

Fall River 2d. mo. 26th. 1866

Which is satisfactory to us.

Burial Ground. } The time for which the Committee to have the care of Burial Grounds were appointed, having expired, we reapoint the following named Friends to that service the ensuing year. Viz. Abner Slade, Wm. Chace, Ellis Giffords, Barzilla Buffinton and Philip J. Trip.

Funeral Committee } We also reapoint the following named Friends to have the Care of Funerals for the ensuing year, Viz. Abner Slade, Hiram Buffinton, Mark Anthony, Moses Buffinton, Samuel Giffords, Darius Buffinton Saml. R. Buffinton, Benjamin F. Chace, Philip J. Trip, Wm. Chace, and Nathan Chace.

Recorder of Removal Certificates } We also reapoint Darius Buffinton as recorder of removal certificates. for the ensuing year.

Eliza Hull } We unite with our Womens Meeting in approving a removal Certificate addressed to Dartmouth Mo. Meeting in favor of Eliza Hull.

Warren Meeting } With the approbation of the Womens Meeting, we unite with a proposition

1866
2d. mo. 26th.} from Friends in Warren to allow them to hold a Meeting for Religious Worship, in the School House on Warren-Neck on the first, first day of each Mo. at 3 O'clock in the afternoon and to continue for Six Months from the 1st. first day in Next mo.

Samuel Gifford. Clerk.

3mo. 26th.} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 3d. mo. 26th. 1866.

Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings. And the Representatives are from Swansey, Simpson Buffinton, and Philip Gifford, Fall River Earl Chace and Nathan Chace, Who are present except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Records, Samuel Gifford on behalf of the Committee on Records, informed that they were attended to in this Mo. Meeting

And we conclude to reappoint the same friends to that service for the ensuing year, Viz Nathan Chace, Benjamin F. Chace, and Samuel Gifford.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

4th. mo. 30th.} At Swansey Mo. Meeting held at Fall River 4th. mo. 30th. 1866. Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are from Swansea [illegible] Gifford & Benj. F. Chace. Fall River. James [illegible] & Baylies Chace. Who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings. and a summary thereof being approved, the Clerk is directed to forward them to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Mary Anthony, Mary Buffinton and William Chace. whom we appoint as Representatives.

Education} Report} The Committee on the subject of Education, presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to us.

Viz– To Swansey Mo. Meeting– Dear Friends Your Committee on the subject of Education, herewith present the following Report: in relation to First day

1866
4th mo. 30th } Schools and Bible Classes within its limits, for the year ending 4th mo. 30th 1866

Swansey First-day School has been held 6 Months. Largest daily attendance 27
of Members — " — " — " — 13
" Non — " — — " — " — " 15
Average — " — " 21
No. of Teachers — — — — — 5

Bible Class has held 17 Meetings. Largest Number 54 - Average attendance 33

Fall River First day School has been held 10 Months or 42 weeks — — —
Largest daily attendance — — — — —
— " — " — " — of Members — — —
— " — " — " — " non — " —
— Average — " — — " — — — —
Number of Teachers — — — — — — 9

Bible Class at Fall River has held 22 Meetings
Largest No. attending 23 - Average attendance 14

on behalf of the Committee

Fall River 4th mo. 30th 1866 }
Hiram Buffinton }
James Newton. }

T. B. Mitchell } Removal { Thomas B. Mitchell having removed within the limits of Providence Mo. Meeting requests a removal Certificate, we therefore appoint Saml. Gifford & Joseph C. Anthony to prepare an essay of one, and present to our next Meeting.

Annie Marvell } We unite with our Womens Meeting in the disownment of Annie Marvell.

Samuel Gifford. Clerk

5th mo. 28th } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 5th mo. 28th 1866.

Accounts are recd from each of our Preparative Meetings and the Representatives are from Swansey Moses Buffinton & Simpson Buffinton, Fall River - Abram Macomber and Joseph C. Anthony who are present.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended

1866
5th mo. 28th } The Committee in the Case of Thos. B. Mitchell presented an essay of a removal Certificate

T. B. Mitchell } which is approved and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting and forwar to its destination, after it has been recorded. Our Womans Meeting uniting herein.

Treasurer } We appoint Daniel Chace and Hiram Buffinton, to audit and settle the Treasurers a/c and propose the name of some friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer and report at our next Meeting.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

6th mo. 25th } At Swansey Mo. Meeting held at Fall River 6th Mo. 25th 1866

Accounts are rec'd. from each of our Preparative Meetings and the Representatives ar from Swansey Edward Almy & Abner Slade, Fall River, Mark Anthony & Nathan Chace, who are present except one.

David H. Bennett, Our beloved friend David H. Bennett, attended this Meeting, and presente a satisfactory Minute from Butternuts Mo. Mee held at Morris, State of New York, 3d. mo. 26th — And endorsed by Butternuts Quarterly Meetin held 5th mo. 17th 1866. Each expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his present Religio engagement.

His Company and Religious services have been acceptable and encouragi to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of the foregoing Minute and sig on behalf of this Meeting.

Treasurer } The Committee on the subject of Treasurer presented the following Report Viz— To the Mo. Meeting.

We your Committee to audit and settle the Treasurers a/c report, that we find i his hands Twenty Seven & 96/100 Dollars ($27.94) and propose the name of Abner Slade for Treasurer.

6 mo. 25th 1866 } Hiram Buffinton } Comittee
Daniel Chace

YEARLY MEETING,

SIXTH MONTH, 1866.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,—The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School, during the past year, report, that in the summer term of the School there were in attendance one hundred and ten pupils, viz.: sixty-seven males and forty-three females; and in the winter term, one hundred and sixty-four, viz.: ninety-nine males and sixty-five females.

The officers of the Institution have been, Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Cornell and Amey E. Johnson, teachers in the English branches; Elijah Cook, teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, teacher of ancient and modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing. Under this organization, which has continued the same as it was at our last report, the interests of the Institution, in every respect, have received careful and satisfactory attention.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School house, on First day mornings; and we reverently trust, through Divine mercy, these religious opportunities have been blessed. The scholars continue to attend Friends' Meeting, in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. The Holy Scriptures have been daily read in a collective capacity, and a knowledge of their invaluable contents has been further promoted by class exercises.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been uncommonly good during the past year. Careful and regular gymnastic exercises have continued to claim the attention of the officers of the schools. On the 12th of 8th month, one of the pupils, Eugene Ball, son of Nicholas Ball, of New Shoreham, R. I., fell from a tree receiving internal injury which resulted in death about eight hours after. The following minute oncerning this impressive event was made on our records: 'We note, ith feelings of solemn interest, the information conveyed in the report om the Principal, of the sudden removal from time to eternity of a ar pupil. While we sympathize with the afflicted family of the deased, we are comforted in the trust, that through the mercy of God Jesus Christ, their sore bereavement is his great gain.'

By the report of the Committee to examine and settle the accounts the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year eeds the amount expended by five thousand dollars, which enables propose a reduction in the prices of admission.

nder the authority given us by the Yearly Meeting last year, we arded in the 9th month, copies of a printed circular to all of our thly Meetings, informing of a reduction in the rates of admission, h took effect at the beginning of the winter term, as follows, viz.: members of our Yearly Meeting, $65 per term; for members of r Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, $100 term, and for any others who many be admitted, $150 per term. e same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, ench, German, or Drawing, as heretofore.'

The subject of the present division of the school year into two terms, with vacations of nearly equal length in the spring and autumn, has claimed our careful consideration. This arrangement continues the school in operation during all the warm season of the year, when study cannot be pursued advantageously, nor without the risk of affecting the health. From many parents we have received the expression of a desire that a change might be made, and, as far as we know, it would be satisfactory to all. After mature deliberation, we have com to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting that the academ cal year in 1867 should commence on the first Fourth day in the ninth month, and continue twenty weeks, to be succeeded by a second period of twenty weeks, after a recess of two weeks. It is very desirable that the pupils should enter for the full year, as they would receive much greater proportional advantages than by continuing but half of the time. While we earnestly recommend this course, when practicable, we do not propose at present that it should be made obligatory, but that liberty should be granted for withdrawal from the school at the commencement of the recess, when application is made therefor at the time of admission. The ensuing year must necessarily be exceptional. The present term closes on Fourth day, the 26th of 9th month, and the school re-opens on Fourth day, the 31st of 10th month; and we propose it should continue sixteen weeks, and, after a recess of two weeks, re-assemble and continue sixteen weeks more, closing on Fourth day, the 26h of 6th month, 1867.

The charge for the ensuing school year of thirty-two weeks we propose should be as follows, one half payable at the commencement of the school, and one-half at the re-opening after the recess, viz.: For members of our Yearly Meeting, $96; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, $150; and for any others who may be admitted, $240. An additional charge of $10 for instruction in Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing.

Applications for admission into the school for the next school year, should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 25th of 9th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the 'Charitable Fund,' or of the 'Jacob Metcalf Donation,' should apply at the time above specified; and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants. Applications for admission are to be made to the Principals. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal of Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

In a review of the past year, we do gratefully acknowledge that we have had evidence that our Heavenly Father has remembered us, and that the Institution continues to be a blessing to many.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee.

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th month 8th, 1866."

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk.

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6mo. 25th. } Which is satisfactory, and we accordingly appoint Abner Slade as Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing Year.

Epistles } We have Recd. 100 Copies of the London general Epistle for the year 1865. One of them has been read at this time to our edification and Comfort.

The Representatives attending this Mtg. are requested to distribute them among our Members.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

7th mo. 30th. } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 7th mo. 30th. 1866.

Accounts are Recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings and the Representatives are from Swansey Priscilla Buffinton & Moses Buffinton. Fall River, James Newton & Baylies Chace. who are present.

Jesse T. Hartley } Our beloved friend Jesse T. Hartley attended this Meeting, and presented satisfactory Minutes from Gilead Mo. Meeting held in Morrow Co. State of Ohio 4th. mo. 17th. And endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting held 5th. mo. 5 66 – each expressing Unity with him as a Minister and with his present religious engagement.

His Company and religious services have been acceptable & encouraging to us. He has also acceptably visited nearly all the families of Friends constituting this Mo. Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of the foregoing Minute & sign on behalf of the Meeting.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st. 2d. & 10th. from each of our Preparative Meetings and a Summary thereof being approved the Clerk is directed to forward them to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Moses Buffinton, Abner Slade, & Saml. Gifford whom we appoint our Representatives.

Recd. & Read at this time a report of the Committee having charge of Friends' Boarding School at Providence, which is satisfactory to us. And we conclude to reappoint the following named friends

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7th mo. 30th} to Constitute our Committee on the subject of Educa
to Cooperate with a similar Committee of Women
Friends, and Report to this meeting in 4th mo. next.

Thos. Slade} Rec.d from our
Overseers the following Complaint against Thomas Slade
Viz. To Swansey Mo. Meeting, Dear Friends.
Thomas Slade
has so far deviated from the good order of our Society
as to proceed in Marriage with one not in -
Membership with us. which we submit to the
Meeting.
7th mo. 30th 1866} Wm. Chace, Mark Anthony, Overseers

Whereupon we appoint Saml. Gifford &
Joseph C. Anthony to Confer with him on that acc
ount & report when ready.

Rec.d 90 Copies of the Min
of our late Yearly Meeting which our representatives are -
desired to distribute among our Members.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

8mo. 27th At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River -
8th mo. 27th 1866.

Accounts are received from each of
our Preparative Meetings and the representatives are
from Swansey Obadiah Chace & Abner Slade, Fall Riv
Samuel Gifford & Joseph C. Anthony who are present.

The representatives to our last Quar
Meeting inform they all attended.

Peter D. Healy & his Wife Elizabeth} We appoint Samuel R.
Buffinton & Nathan Chace, to prepare an essay of a -
removal certificate on behalf of Peter D. Healy and his Wif
Elizabeth, & present to our next Meeting. they having rem
to reside within the limits of Westport Mo. Meeting.

nn L. & Ruth A. Buffinton.} We unite with our Womens Meeting in
the disownment of Ann Louisa Buffinton and Ruth
Augusta Buffinton.

Samuel Gifford. Clerk

9mo. 24th} At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset
9 mo. 24th 1866. — Accounts are rec.d from each of our
Preparative Meetings and the representatives are from Swansey
Barzilla Buffinton & Simpson Buffinton. Fall River, Mark Anth
and Earl Chace, who are present.

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9th mo. 24th. The Committee in the Case of Peter D. Healy and his Wife Elizabeth, not being ready to report, are continued, and desired to report at our Next Meeting.

Peter [illegible]

We appoint Hiram Buffinton, Darius Buffinton, Abner Slade, Barzilla Buffinton and Saml. R. Buffinton, a Committee to provide such conveyance as in their judgment may appear necessary, from the Somerset depot on the Fall River, Warren & Providence Rail Road, for Friends who wish to attend the ensuing Quarterly Meeting. They are also requested to give timely information to all our Monthly Meetings that such accommodations are provided.

New [illegible]portionment of [illegible]

We appoint William Chace, Moses Buffinton, Hiram Buffinton And Saml. Gifford, a Committee to consider the propriety of making a New proportionment among our Preparative Meetings, in the raising of money for the use of this Meeting, And report at our Next Mtg.

Saml. Gifford, Clerk

10th mo. 29th. At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 10th mo. 29th 1866.

Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the Representatives are Swansey, Hiram Buffinton, & Abner Slade, Fall River, Joseph C. Anthony & Nathan Chace, who are present.

The queries have been read at this time, and the 1st, 2d & 10th succeeded by answers from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a Summary thereof being approved the Clerk is directed to forward the same to our ensuing Quarterly Mtg by our friends Saml. R. Buffinton, Edward Gray & Joseph Estes, whom we appoint as Representatives.

The Committee appointed to prepare an essay of a removal Certificate on behalf of Peter D. Healy and his Wife Elizabeth R. Healy, presented one at this time, which is approved by this and the Womens Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward the same after it has been Recorded.

We appoint Garrison Buffinton, Abner Slade, Earl Chace, & Joseph C. Anthony, ——

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10th mo. 29th. a Committee to Confer with some friends to serve thi
Mtg as Overseers, and Overseers, of the Poor and presen
to our Next Meeting.

We appoint Moses Buffinton
And Hiram Buffinton, to make the necessary provis
for our approaching Quarterly Meeting, and report
the expense at our next Meeting.

The Committee on
the subject of a new apportionment of this Mtgs Stock
are continued & desired to report at our next Mtg

Adaline S. Slade } We unite with our Womens Mtg
in receiving into Membership Adaline S. Slade.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk

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11 mo. 26 } At Swanzey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at
Somerset 11 mo. 26 1866. Accounts are rec.
from each of our Preparative Meetings And the representa
tives are from Swanzey Simpson Buffinton & Darius
Buffinton, Fall River Joseph E. Anthony and
Saml. R. Buffinton, who are present.

The Representatives
to our last Q. Meeting all attended.

Apportionment }
of Stock { The Committee o
Stock presented the following report.

To Swanzey Mo. Meeting. Dear Frin
We your Committee on the subject of a new ap
portionment of this Mtgs Stock, recommend, that
Swanzey Preparative Mtg pay on future Collecti
for the use of this Mtg fifty three pr. ct 53 and
Fall River, forty seven pr ct 47 which we sub
to the Mtg

On behalf of the Committee, Hiram Buffinto
Somerset 11 mo. 26th. 1866 } Saml. Gifford

Which is satisfactory and
the recommendations approved by the Meetin

The Committee in the case of Thos.
Slade, presented the following.

Thos. Slade } To Swanzey Mo Mtg. Dear frien
The Committee in the Case of Thos. Slade, report, that we
conferred with him by letter, and in reply thereto he exp
ses an interest for the Society of Friends. but in view

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11mo. 26 } of his situation. We recommend that the Mtg. make a Minute of denial against him, which meets the approbation of your Committee

Fall River 11mo. 24th. 1866 } Joseph C. Anthony
Samuel Gifford } Committee

Which is accepted, and he is therefore denied his right of Membership with us our Womens Mtg. uniting herein. And Saml. Gifford is appointed to inform him, and report.

The Committee on the subject of Overseers presented the following.

To the Mo. Mtg.

Overseers } The Committee appointed for the purpose, propose the following for Overseers. Viz Lilley Gifford, Moses Buffinton Benjamin A. Chace William Chace, Nathan Chace and Saml. Gifford. For Overseers of the Poor. Barzillai Buffinton & Abner Slade, Nathan Chace & James Newton. on behalf of the Committee

Simpson Buffinton
Earl Chace
Joseph C. Anthony

11mo. 26th. 1866 }

Which is satisfactory, and the names presented are accordingly appointed to the services designated for the ensuing year. having the unity of the Womens Mtg.

John W. Earl } Recd. from our Overseers the following complaint against John W. Earl, Viz—

To Swansey Mo. Mtg.

John W. Earl, has so far deviated from our discipline as to unite himself in marriage with one not in Membership with us. which we submit to the Meeting. — Lilley Gifford
Swansey 11mo. 26th. 1866 } Moses Buffinton } Overseers

Which is accepted. And we appoint Joseph C. Anthony, and Simpson Buffinton, to confer with him on that account, and report.

The Committee to make provision for our last Qr. Meeting report the expense to be Nine dollars ($9.00) which our Treasurer is directed to pay & call on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for the same.

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11 mo. 26th } Recd. from our last Q. Mtg the following Minute in
relation to Stock. Viz Rhode Island Q. Mtg of Friends.
held 11 mo. 1st 1866 - It is Concluded to raise Eight
Quarterly } Hundred Dollars (&c) for the use of this Mtg which the
Mtg Stock } Mo. Mtgs are requested to pay to Welcome Congdon
our Treasurer. the quota of Swansy Mo. Mtg is $104. or
13 per ct. Gideon C. Smith, Clerk.

Which is satisfactory
And our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of
the Q. Mtg the amt. called for.

Also recd. from the same
source the following decision of the Q. Mtg defining
the Boundries of this Mo. Meeting. Viz.

Boundries } Bristol and W
of Swansy }
Mo. Mtg } to belong to Swansy Mo. Meeting, then the [illegible] or
Palmers River, be the dividing line between Providence
and Swansy Mo Meeting until it Comes to the Town
of Rehoboth, to include Swansey, Rehoboth, Dighton,
Taunton and Norton until it Comes to the line of
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, thence easterly to Salem
Quarter, thence Southerly on the line of Salem and
Sandwich Quarterly Meetings until reaching the
Town of Tiverton as the State line now runs between
the States of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, thence
Westerly on the Tiverton line to Taunton River.
Joseph C. Macomber. Saml. Giffords Gideon C. Smith. }
Committee of the Quarterly Meeting }

Stock { We propose to raise the sum of One Hundred Dollars
for the use of this Mtg, and our Preparative Mtgs are
desired to pay their respective proportions of that amt
to [illegible] Slade our Treasurer.

Freedmen { We appoint Darius Buffinton, Saml. R.
Buffinton, Nathan Chace, Daniel Chace & Stephen Chace
to collect by Subscription Money for the benefit of
our Freedmens Mission at Washington, D.C. and
pay the same to Chas. F. Coffin, of [illegible], Treasurer of the
Yearly Mtgs Committee for Freedmen, and report
when accomplished

Job Weeden { The removal Certificate recd. 5th mo. 1865, from
Rhode Island Mo. Mtg in favor of Job Weeden, has been
again Concidered, and it appearing that he does not reside
within the limits of this Mtg the Clerk is directed to return the s
to the Meeting from whence it was received.

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11mo. 26th The Representatives now in attendance of this Mtg are desired to present to our next Mtg the names of some friends to serve this Mtg as Clerk and Assistant Clerk.
Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

12mo. 31st } At Swansey Mo. Meeting held at Fall River 12mo. 31 66
Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Mtgs and the Representatives are from Swansey, Moses Buffinton & Abner Slade. Fall River, Stephen Chace & Nathan Chace, who are present.

Clerks } Saml. N. Buffinton on behalf of the Representatives of last Mo. informed that they were united in proposing the names of Saml. Gifford for Clerk and James Newton, for Assistant Clerk, which being approved by the Mtg they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year.

J. J. Varney. } Our beloved friend Jedediah J. Varney, attended this Mtg and presented a satisfactory Minute from Unity Mo. Mtg held 10/15/64 expressing Unity with him as a Minister & with his present Religious engagement. His Company and religious services have been acceptable and encouraging to us.

C. R. Jones } Our beloved friend Clement R. Jones. Attended this Mtg as Companion to our friend Jedediah J. Varney, and presented satisfactory Minute from Unity Mo. Mtg held 11mo. 15th 1866 expressing Unity with him as a Member of that Mtg & with his present engagement His Company and Solid deportment have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with Copies of Mts made on their accounts, and sign on behalf of this Mtg.

Thos. Slade } Saml. Gifford reported that he had informed Thos. Slade of the decision of this Mtg in his Case.

M. C. Dillingham } We unite with our Womens Mtg in the disownment of Maria C. Dillingham. (formerly Gifford)

S. F. Potter, } We unite with our Womens Mtg in receiving a Removal Certificate from Dartmouth Mo. Mtg in favor of Sarah F. Potter.

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12mo. 31st. } We have Recd. 130 Copies of the following address from the Peace Conference of Friends held at Baltimore One of which has been read at this time to our Satisfaction Our Representatives are desired to distribute them among our Members.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk

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1mo. 25th. At Swansey Mo. Mtg. held at Somerset 1st. mo. 28th 186
Accounts are Recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings And the Representatives are from Swansey — Benjamin A. Chace & Hiram Buffinton, Fall river Bayli Chace, & James Newton, who are present.

The queries have been read at this time with Answers to the 1st. 2d. & 10th. from each of our Preparativ Mtgs. And a Summary thereof being approved the Clerk is directed to send them to our ensuing Q. Mtg by our friends, Darius Buffinton, James Newton & Saml. R. Buffinton whom we appoint as representatives.

John W. Earl } The Committee in the Care of John W. Earl, presented the following report viz= To Swansey Mo. Mtg. Dear Friends.

The Committee appointed to visit John W. Earl, report, that we have had an opportunity with him, and find that he expresses a desire to be retained a Member, which we submit to the Mtg, On behalf of the Committee
Somerset 1mo. 28th. 1867 } Joseph G. Anthony.

Which is accepted, and with the approbation of the Womens Mtg he is restored to his right of Member=ship with us. And being present by invitation, we dispence with the usual Committee to inform him of the action of this Meeting.

Spurgeon on Fox } The Clerk is directed to obtain from Henry Longstregth, of Philadelphia One Hundred Copies of C. H. Spurgeon's address on Geo Fox, for gratuitous distribution among our Memb And our Treasurer is directed to pay the expense of the same, Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

2mo. 25th. } At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River, 2d. mo. 25th. 1867. Accts. are Recd. from each of our Preparative Mts. and the Representatives are from Swanse

1867 }
2 mo. 25 } Moses Buffinton & Benj A. Chace. Fall River, Nathan Chace & James Newton: who are present.

The Clerk informed that One Hundred Copies of C. H. Spurgeon's Address on [illegible] had been procured & distributed among our Members.

Burrial Gronds } We reappoint the following Named friends to have the Care of our Burrial Grounds for the ensuing year with the substitution of Joseph C. Anthony, in the place of our friend Ellis Gifford, diseased, viz. Abner Slade, William Chace, Barzilla Buffinton, & Phillip J. Tripp.

Funeral Committee } We also reappoint the following friends to have the Care of Funerals for the ensuing year viz Abner Slade, Hiram Buffinton, Isaac Anthony, Moses Buffinton, Saml. Gifford, Darius Buffinton, Saml. R. Buffinton, Benj A. Chace, Phillip J. Tripp, William Chace, & Nathan Chace.

Recorder of Removal Certif-icates } We also reappoint Darius Buffinton As Recorder of Removal Certifficates, for the ensuing year.

Harriet Blivens } We unite with our Womens Meeting in the reception of Harriet Blivens into Membership with us.

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

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3 mo. 25th } At Swansey Mo. Meeting held at Somerset 3d mo. 25th 1867

Accounts are recd. from each of our Preparative Meetings, and the representatives are from Swansey Joseph Estes, & Moses Buffinton. Fall River. William Chace, and Joseph C. Anthony, who are present except one.

Records } Samuel Gifford on behalf of the Committee on Records informed that the Records in this Mo. Meeting are all attended to, And we reapoint the same friends to that service for the ensuing year. Viz. Nathan Chace, Benj A. Chace, & Saml. Gifford.

Stock } Our Treasurer informed that each of our Preparative Meetings have paid their proportion of Stock ordered in Eleventh Mo. last.

Rebecca Anthony } We unite with our Womens Mtg in the reception of a Removal Certifi-cate from Greenwich Mo. Mtg in favor of Rebecca Anthony

Samuel Gifford, Clerk

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4th mo 29th} At Swansey Mo. Meeting held at Fall River 4th mo 29th 1867 — Reports are rec'd from each of our Preparative Meetings, And the Representatu are from Swansey Gilbey Gifford & Abner Slade. Fall River. Saml. R. Buffinton, & Nathan Chace. Who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time with Answers thereto from each of our Preparative Meetings, and a sumary being approved the Clerk is directed to forward them to our Ensu Quarterly Mtg by our friends Stephen Chace, Nathan Chace & Samuel Gifford, whom we appo as Representatives

Stephen A. Chace.} Rec'd from our Overseers the followin Complaint against Stephen A. Chace, Viz
To Swansey Mo. Meeting

Dear Friends, Stephen A. Chace, has neglected the attendance of our Meetings and associated himself with another Religious Denominat We have Confered with him on that account and find he expresses entire satisfaction with his Course, We therefore reccommend that a Minute of denial be made against him without further labor, which is in accordance with the request of the individual.

William Chace
Nathan Chace } Overseers.
Fall River 4th mo. 29th 1867} Saml. Gifford

Which is accepted, and with the approbation of the Womens Mtg he is denied his right of Membership with us, And Abner Slade is appointed to inform him thereof & report.

arren Meeting} In accordance with the request of Friends Residing in Warren and with the approbation of the Womens Mtg permission is granted them to hold a Meeting for Divine Worship on Warren Neck for eight Months, to be held on the first 1st day of each Mo., at 3 O'Clock P.M., and to commence on the first 1st day in Next Month.

Education} The Committee on Education presented the following report, Viz To Swansey Mo. Meeting
Dear Friends, Your Committee on the subject of

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4th mo. 29th { Education herewith present the following as the Condition of First day Schools & Bible Classes in said Mtg ~~for~~ the year ending 4 mo. 29th 1867 - "The School at Swansey has been held 7 mos. highest daily attendance 36 - ditto of Members 16 — average attendance 25 No. of Teachers 6 = Bible Class held Meetings No. belonging to same 53 Friends 38 average attendance 31 - "Fall River F. D. School 9 mos. Largest daily attendance 47 ditto of Members 34 - average 34 — No. of Teachers 8 = Bible Class held 20 Meetings Largest No. attending 22 Average 12 - we have also had a Bible Class for the Freedmen under the Care of Friends for the last 4 mos. Average attendance 15

On behalf of the Committee Saml. R. Buffinton,
Darius Buffinton,
Maria Earl
Maria Buffinton

Fall River 4 mo. 29th 1867

Samuel Gifford Clerk

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5 mo. 27th { At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 5th Mo. 27th 1867. Accounts are received from each of our Preparative Mtgs & the Representatives are from Swansey Barzilla Buffinton & Thomas Potter, Fall River Baylies Chace & Nathan Chace, who are present. The Representatives to our last Q. Mtg. all attended.

Stephen A. Chace { Abner Slade Reported that he had informed Stephen A. Chace of the action of this Mtg in his Case.

Freedmen's Mission { The Committee appointed in the 11th mo. last to solicit aid on behalf of our Freedmen's Mission at Washington D. C. presented the following Report which is satisfactory - Viz - "To Swansey Mo. Meeting Dear Friends, Your Committee appointed to solicit aid in behalf of the New England Friends Washington — Mission for Freedmen, Report, that we have collected the amt. of $130.00 - our proportion of $4000, - and have forwarded the same to Chas. F. Coffin, Treasurer for the Committee. Amt. Recd. from Friends $112,50
— " — " — " Non Members 17,50 = $130,00

on behalf of the Committee. Saml. R. Buffinton.
Darius Buffinton.

Swansey 5th mo. 27th 1867.

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5 mo. 27th.} We appoint Hiram Buffinton & Moses Buffinton to audit & settle the Treasurers a/c & propose the name of some Friend for Treasurer & report at our next mtg

Obadiah Chace} Our beloved Friend, Obadiah Chace — a Minister in Unity, opened in this Mtg a prospect of attending in the love of the Gospel of Christ, New-York Yearly Meeting, which being fully united with he is left at liberty to perform the service, under the guidance of the great Head of the Church.

Henry B. Chace} This Mtg is informed by a communication from Henry B. Chace, through its Overseers, that he desires to be released from further Membership with us. Whereupon we appoint Abner Slade & Obadiah Chace, to confer with him on that account & report

Esther Chace} The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Women's Meeting in furnishing our friend Esther Chace, with a Minute, to enable her to attend New York Yearly Mtg as Companion to her husband Obadiah Chace.

Samuel Gifford Clerk